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Japan Challenges France & America

Yunan Railway Bombardment Will Continue

Japan Demands That Munition Transport Must Be Stopped

Challenging Reply To Protests From France And United States

TOKIO, Feb. 8.

A Japanese naval spokesman to-day stated that the Japanese would go on bombing the Yunan Railway in spite of the French and American protests until the transport of munitions was stopped.—Reuter.

On Western Front

LIVELY EXCHANGES OF FIRE

Air Operations At Standstill

PARIS, February 8.

As the French Command continues to sound and probe the German lines, patrol activity is increasing on the Western Front. During the past 24 hours three patrols advanced in "no man's land" between the Moselle and the Saar and thence penetrated the German lines. All returned with much interesting information without being, challenged or engaged by the Germans.

At five or six points along the Rhine in Northern Alsace and North Strasbourg there have been lively exchanges of fire between the infantry manning casemates of the Siegfried and Maginot Lines.

Air operations are still practically nil owing to the weather.

No activity is reported on the Franco-British side, but a solitary German 'plane made a short reconnaissance flight over Lower Alsace.

Reports of suspension of all leave in the German Army are not confirmed in Paris where it is thought that any suspension may be only partial and due to transport difficulties.—Reuter.

MUSSOLINI SUMMONS WAR COUNCIL

ROME, Feb. 8.

The Supreme Defence Council is meeting to-day under the presidency of Signor Mussolini and important military questions will be discussed according to the Stefani Agency. The meeting will be attended by heads of Armed Forces and the President of the Civil Mobilisation Committee.—Reuter.

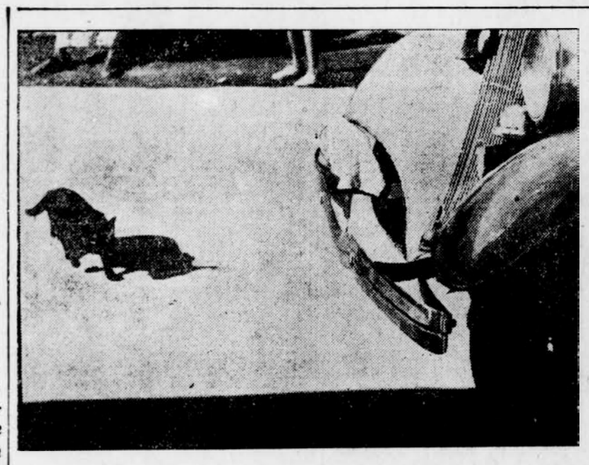
"IMPERIALIST" PLAN TO INVADE SOVIET

"Red Army Will Give Them A Crushing Blow"

MOSCOW, Feb. 8.

In the course of a leader in connection with the decorations the "Pravda" declares: "The plans of British and French imperialists to invade the U.S.S.R. in war are doomed to failure.

An attempt to use Finland as a springboard for military intervention against the U.S.S.R. will be defeated by a crushing blow by the Red Army."—Reuter.



Just before Gandhiji left Birla House, Delhi, to see the Viceroy, a black cat (seen here) strode across the entrance to the drive, passed majestically as if it were an embodiment of good fortune, but all the same it proved a bad omen!

MANU SUBEDAR DISCUSSES

Indian Industries In War Time

Advantage Is Not Being Taken For Strengthening Country's Financial Position, He Says, And Demands That Reserves Must Not Be Kept In Sterling

MR. MANU SUBEDAR.

(From Our Correspondent).

MADRAS, Feb. 8.

Mr. Manu Subedar, M.L.A. (Central), presided at a meeting of representative South Indian businessmen to discuss the problem arising out of the war. Mr. Subedar referred to the great destruction of wealth in Europe. He further referred to the various restrictions such as those on exchange and exports, which had been copied from the English model in some cases without regard to Indian conditions.

Even the London Chamber of Commerce had urged that, in framing such restrictions, it was necessary to have consultations with representatives of the business affected.

It was desirable that the economic structure of India should remain intact and if possible should be stronger after the war. The war had disclosed various directions in which India was weak and those who pooh-poohed the Indian demand for self-sufficiency were anxious now, at the eleventh hour, to take advantage of the potentiality of Indian industries.

While the Viceroy was talking of Dominion Status, the attitude of officials towards Indian businessmen had not changed.

Congratulating the Finance Member on the reduction of the Stamp Duty on Inland Bills, Mr. Manu Subedar approved of the restriction in respect of silver and the change which the commercial community had been asking for years of Indian surplus silver being sold in India instead of being sold in London. Advantage, however, was not being taken of the war for strengthening India's financial position.

The Foreign Exchange arising out of the increasing favourable balance of trade was being used by the United Kingdom and India's reserves were being accumulated in sterling. The Indian Rupee was a stronger currency today than the sterling whose future is dependent on the course of the war and it was absurd that India's reserves should be continued in sterling.

The export of gold had increased since the war and the Reserve

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DOWN WITH EXCESS PROFITS TAX BILL

To-day's Protest Meeting At Sir C. J. Hall

A public meeting under the auspices of about 50 commercial, industrial and trading bodies of Bombay will be held at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall to protest against the Excess Profits Tax Bill to-day (Friday) at 6 p.m.

Among the speakers will be Sir Purshottamdas, Sir Rahimtullah Chinoy, Mr. S. D. Saklatvala, Mr. J. C. Setalvad, Mr. G. D. Morarji, Prof. Davar, Mr. Shroff, Mr. Begraj Gupta, Mr. V. D. Govindji and others. Mr. Chunilal B. Mehta will preside.

Delhi Talks In Commons

LONDON, Feb. 8.

In the House of Commons asked by Mr. Sorensen for a statement respecting the Indian political situation, Sir Hugh O'Neill mentioned the meetings of Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah with the Viceroy and read the agreed "communiques" issued from Delhi on these talks.—Reuter.

Policemen Kidnapped

Tonga Held Up By Raiders: Shopkeeper Waylaid

BANNU, Feb. 8.

Two Khattak foot police constables—Sahibdin and Jamaldin—and a Hindu shop-keeper of Bannu City named Emaldas are reported to have been kidnapped at about four o'clock this afternoon from the village of Ismailkhan, three miles, from the city on the main Bannu-Dera Ismail Khan Road.

The Constables had brought for trial to the district court certain accused from Goriwala police station and were returning in a tonga which was held up by the raiders.

The Hindu shop-keeper was waylaid while returning to Bannu from his village Khwajram Khel

On receipt of information, a party of the frontier constabulary under the Assistant District officer left for the scene of occurrence in a motor lorry. The raiding gang is said to have consisted of six tribesmen.—A P.

INDIAN BAN ON "ENEMY GOODS"

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

A press note states:—"In order to ensure that goods of enemy origin are not admitted into India in contravention of the law relating to trading with the enemy, the Government of India are issuing a notification according to which certificates of origin and interest in the form of prescribed therein given by the appropriate British Consular authority are required to be presented with entries for goods imported into India from neutral countries in Europe.

The order comes into force on the 10th March, 1940 but does not apply to goods which left the place from which they were last consigned before that date. Goods which are th 'bona fide' personal or household effects of persons entering India are exempted.—A. P.

FRENCH ARMY IN NEAR EAST

PARIS, Feb. 8.

The first clue of the strength of the French Army in the Near East, known as the Army of the Levant, is given in well-informed military circles here. Varying reports are published abroad, the Germans mentioning its strength as 150,000 and the Russians as 400,000. It is stated here that the actual strength is between these two figures.

It should be remembered always that there is a fairly strong French force in the Near East for police and garrison duties.

It is stated that the purpose of General Weygand's visit to Cairo, which has aroused some speculation, is to consult British colleagues.—Reuter.

Mahatma Clinches The Issue

LONDON, February 8.

In a signed cable to the "Daily Herald" Gandhiji says that his interview with the Viceroy showed that a wide gulf still exists between the British Government and Nationalist India.

What is offered is not real independence. "Reality demands that India should determine what she needs, and not Britain.

It is necessary for Britain to be just to declare her determination to recognise immediately the freedom of India. This means that the constitution should be framed by a Constituent Assembly or its equivalent as soon as practicable.

There is no analogy between the Dominions and India. India's is a case by itself, and has to be treated as such. It should be clearly understood that every problem is of Britain's own making".

Gandhiji concludes: "Britain's moral victory will be assured, when she decides by a mighty effort to abandon her immoral hold on India and then her other victory will follow, as the day follows the night, for then, the conscience of the whole world will be on her side. No makeshift, such as now offered, can stir India's heart or the world's conscience".—Reuter.

Who Can Speak For India?

LONDON, February 8.

"What prevents confident collaboration of the Indian and British statesmen?" asks the "Yorkshire Post" in a leader. "The first question to be asked is: Who is entitled to speak for India and decide for her? Until the Indians can themselves agree upon the answer to that question there can be no submission on Britain's part to the Congress demands.

Britain has her own honourable obligations to fulfil in India. She has to safeguard the future of the Muslims and other minorities and she has to respect her undertakings to the princes. Eager as is British public opinion to see the Indian peoples advance along the road toward full nationhood, Britain cannot slide out of her responsibility to maintain external and internal security of India and ensure that justice is done to all sections of the vast and diverse population.

BRITISH PREMIER EXPOSES

NAZI GANGSTERISM ON THE SEA

The Horror And Disgust German Action Excites In Minds Of All Decent Peoples Only Makes Us More Resolved To Carry On Struggle Till Civilization Is Purged Of Such Wickedness, He Says

In his usual review of the war in the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain referred at length to the Nazi attacks on unarmed merchantmen and fishing boats. He denounced these as "murder" and "not war" and declared that such acts only steeled the determination of the British Government to carry on the war till "civilization is purged of this wickedness." He added:

"We cannot tell how long the fight may last or what stern trials may yet await us; but we have no reason to be dissatisfied with the opening phases of the war and we face the future with calm determination and unshaken confidence."

BR. PREMIER'S STATEMENT

LONDON. February 8.

The House of Commons greeted Mr. Chamberlain with cheers when he rose to make his summary on the war position. Mr. Chamberlain said that in recent weeks winter had gripped Europe, was halting operations of war and interfering even with normal activities of the nation so that there had been few events of importance to record.

Referring to the meeting of the Supreme Council in Paris on Monday last the Prime Minister said that members did not gain much from the laconic communique issued after the meeting. "I wish, indeed, I could lighten the darkness and give the House an account of our proceedings, but I know that no one will desire me to be guilty of making such generous gifts to the enemy.

FRENCH ANSWER

I have returned from Paris with the conviction that the bond between our two countries is something greater than even the close alliance which common purpose and common dangers have enforced. It has become a deep and lasting friendship between two peoples. (Cheers). Our enemies have lost no opportunity by every means of propaganda at their disposal, by spreading false rumours and by ceaseless lies (cheers) of seeking to divide Britain from France. In that attempt they have failed". (Cheers). The Prime Minister said that a sufficient answer to the enemy's efforts to sow dissension between us was the phrase he had heard often from their French colleagues—"nous sommes d'accord". (We are in agreement).

ON FINNISH FRONT

The Prime Minister proceeding said that the Finnish people continued their heroic struggle against an enemy who is using his

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Neville Chamberlain

AMERICA NOT TO BREAK WITH RUSSIA

Diplomatic Rupture Will Neither Help Finland Nor Hinder Soviet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.

In the House of Representatives an attempt to secure the severance of diplomatic relations with Russia failed by a very narrow majority.

It was argued that such a step would neither help Finland nor hinder the Soviet.—Reuter.

MASS MURDER IN NAZI POLAND

Families Dragged Out From House And Machine-Gunned

PARIS, Feb. 8.

Over 130 people, including two doctors, seventeen women and a boy of 14 were shot dead by Nazi troops in mass murder at Wawer and near Anin, according to reports reaching official Polish sources in Paris. The murder was a reprisal because two men wanted by the police shot two German soldiers who were about to arrest them in a restaurant at Wawer.

The Commanding Officer immediately ordered that one inhabitant in ten in Wawer and Anin should be shot. Families were dragged from their houses and machine-gunned. The owner of a restaurant was hanged.

The Germans also stopped a train and shot one passenger in five It is added that 72 Poles were also killed in similar mass murder near Cracow.

Jawaharlal In Bombay

PT. JAWAHARLAL

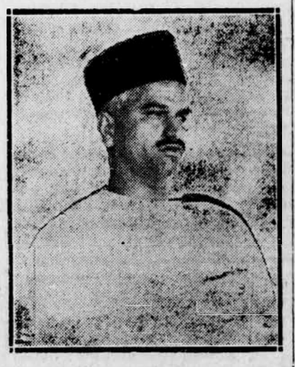
Will Inaugurate Youth Conference To-morrow

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will arrive in Bombay this morning and is expected to stay till the 12th instant.

He will be given a reception at the Dadar Station on his arrival on behalf of the Maharashtra Youth Conference.

Pandit Jawaharlal will attend the Executive Meeting of the States' People's Conference today and the Maharashtra Youth Conference to be held at Shivaji Park to-morrow (Saturday) at 5 p.m. (S.T.)

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, M.L.A. (Central) will preside over the Conference.



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(1891)

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Each of the above tenders should be submitted in separate sealed cover. Closing date 20-2-1940 at 3 P.M. (S.T.)

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THE SALE OF

(1) Immovable Property at Versova (behind Champa Nivas, four bungalows: Andheri Railway Station), on account and at the risk of the heirs and legal representatives of Ruttonji D. Curanee deceased the mortgagor will take place to-morrow Saturday the 10th February 1940 at 4-30 p.m. at the sale room of the auctioneers as previously advertised. and of

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RIGHTS OF ADVOCATES (O. S.)

Vakilatnama Nor Memorandum Necessary

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen). A. K. Amin ... Petitioner-Defendant

v.

V. C. Choksey ..... Opponent-Plaintiff.

A suit had been filed against the petitioner in the Court of Small Causes at Thana. He appointed Mr. M. G. Purohit, who was an advocate (Original Side) to appear and plead for him.

Mr. D. V. Deshmukh, the 1st class subordinate judge of that court before whom the matter came up for hearing did not allow Mr. Purohit to appear without a Vakilatnama signed by his client. Thereupon Mr. Purohit filed a Memorandum of Appearance signed by himself but the judge held that even that was not sufficient. In the opinion of that Judge Rule 40 of the Rules of this High Court which granted this privilege to advocates (O. S.) applied to the High Court only.

Against this order of the Subordinate Judge, the petitioner applied in revision to the High Court.

JUDGMENT.

Their lordships held that even on the wording of Order 3 Rule 4 (5) of the Code of Civil Procedure a Vakilatnama was not at all necessary, and a mere Memorandum such as was filed in the present case would clearly suffice. However, their lordships went on to say that even a Memorandum was not necessary from an advocate (O. S.) appearing in any Court because Rule 40 of the High Court Rules was applicable throughout the Bombay Presidency. Their lordships held that this interpretation of Rule 40 was justified by the wording of Rule 45 which was clearly meant to regulate the practice of the profession throughout the Presidency. Moreover the prevailing practice since 1901 pointed to the same liberal interpretation of the rights of advocates (O. S.).

The Petition was therefore granted with costs.

Mr. G. Purohit with N. N. Majmudar appeared for the Petitioner.

The Advocate-General, M. C. Setalvad appeared for the Bombay Bar Association.

Mr. P. V. Kane appeared for the Bombay Bar Council.

REGISTRATION OF PARTNERSHIPS

Important Ruling

(Before the Hon'ble Justice Sir C. P. Blackwell). Pratapchand Ramchand & Co., ... Plaintiffs.

v.

J. B. Chinoy ..... Defendant.

The plaintiff firm was registered in the name of three partners. One of the partners died and thereafter the surviving partners lent money to the defendant. The present suit was then filed to recover the amount of this loan.

After the suit was filed notice of the fact of death of one of the partners was given to the Registrar under S. 63 (1) of the Indian Partnership Act 1932.

Counsel for the defendant raised a preliminary objection that the old firm having been dissolved by death (the partnership deed not having provided to the contrary) the plaintiff-firm was not registered at the date of the suit and that, therefore, the suit was bad.

Overruling, this objection of the defendant, his lordship held that the firm having been once registered continued to be registered for the purposes of this suit. In his lordship's opinion Sections 63 (1), 69 (2) and the other relevant Sections of the Act contemplate that the firm is to be treated for the purpose of the Act as continuing or subsisting. Moreover Section 63 (1) does not prescribe any time-limit for the recording of changes in and dissolution of a firm nor does it say that it is to be done immediately. The result would perhaps have been different if additional persons had come into the firm as partners since the date of registration and their names had not been notified, for then the persons suing would not be shown on the register. That was not the case here.

According to his lordship's construction of the Act, therefore the firm continued to be registered and the suit was not bad.

Mr. M. L. Maneksha with Mr. M J. Mistree instructed by Messrs. Vachha and Co., appeared for the plaintiffs.

Mr. J. D. Davar instructed by Messrs. Patell and Ezekiel appeared for the defendant.

PLEA FOR EXPUNGING REMARKS

An application was made before the Chief Justice and Mr Justice Sen at the High Court on behalf of P. J. Rogers, Public Carriage Inspector of Poona, for an order to expunge certain remarks made against him by the Additional Sessions Judge of Poona.

The remarks were made by the Judge in the course of his judgment dismissing an appeal by a person, who was convicted by the Magistrate of criminal breach of trust in connection with a bus. In that case the applicant had given evidence as a witness.

The applicant stated that the remarks of the Judge were due to his wrong interpretation of the Motor Vehicles Act.

The Chief Justice in dismissing the application observed that if the High Court were to take action on any application, the Court would be placed in an awkward position. The Court could not go into the merits of the judgment of a Lower Court, unless there was a proper appeal before it by a party to the case.

SMART WORK OF KAMPTE'S MEN

Dozen Persons Arrested For Breach Of Prohibition Rules

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Since Mr. N. M. Kampte, took over charge of the Prohibition Department as Deputy Commissioner of the Prohibition Police, there has been a spurt of increased activity among the officers.

In the various sections of the City several arrests were effected yesterday. If the vigilance of the Prohibition Police does not wane in the future, there is every hope that the city will earn the name of the 'Prohibitionist's Paradise'.

Shankar Rakma and Rau Rama were both arrested by Sub-Inspector R. H. Cama, near Bombay Central last evening, on a charge of possession and sale of two and five tolas of charas respectively.

At about 6-45 p.m. yesterday Ranchodas Damodardas was arrested by the Prohibition Police near Mumbadevi, on a charge of selling a packet of Ganja.

On a search being made five more packets, it is stated, were found on his person.

Muhammad Ghaus Abdul Razak was selling charas to a customer near the Elphinstone Circle yesterday, when the Prohibition men are stated to have caught him red-handed.

Yesterday the Prohibition Police detected nearly a dozen cases and every day the record is mounting up.

SUTTA SUSPECT'S BID FOR FREEDOM

Twenty-four persons were arrested in different parts of the city, on charges of 'sutta'-gamblings.

The Maharbouri police carried out a raid last night on the third floor of a house at Northbrook Street, and arrested thirteen men.

When the 'Panchanama' was being drawn up one of the accused is stated to have suddenly jumped out of the window of the room facing the sweeper's lane and attempted to escape. He was arrested on the roof of an adjoining building, where he had fallen and was removed to the J. J. Hospital.

All the accused were placed before Mr. R. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court, to-day, and were ordered to be released on bail.

University Senate Election

Professor N. G. Damle, M.A., Head of the Department of Philosophy Fergusson College, Poona, has offered himself for re-election to the Senate of the University of Bombay from the Registered Graduates' Constituency.

To-day's Grand Attractions of Wrestling and Basket Ball at the

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit! 8-10 Timirbaran Bhattacharya. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Dattoba Tawde. 8-40 News in Hindustani. 8-50 News in English. 9 Cookery hints. 9-15 Abdur Rehman and party. 9-30 A flute recital. 9-35 Leela Chitnis. 9-45 M. Umar Khan. 9-55 Bilawal. 12-30 p.m. Vyakulta. 12-40 Naats. 12-50 Ghazals. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Songs from the screen. 1-10 Mutual understanding. 1-25 Gopal Chandra Lahiri. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 2-20 IXth Indian Olympic Games. 5 You asked for it. 5-15 Selected by D. V. Shidore. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Selected by Jamno T. Assomul. 5-50 Selected by Laxmichand Kundanmal. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Mohan K. Chikramane. 6-25 Dhansari on the Clarionet. 6-35 Abdur Rehman and party. 6-50 Letters of Kalapi. 7 Mohan K. Chikramane. 7-15 Sanjivani Marathe. 7-30 Dattoba Tawde. 7-40 Ustad B. B. Khan ('been'). 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 Abdur Rehman and party. 8-40 Dehati Dhun. 8-45 Dattoba Tawde. 8-55 Talk of the town. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Naat-i-Rusool. 9-55 Krishnabai Hukkeri. 10-20 Ragmala. 10-30 News in English.

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Bombay II—Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 to 8-15 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-15 Suresh Babu. 8-50 Ustad B. B. Khan ('been'). 9-15 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1. 9-30 Krishnabai Hukkeri. 9-55 Instrumental duets. 10 Close down.

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

12-30 to 12-57 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 12-57 K. C. Dey 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical interlude. 1-35 to 4-45 As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 IXth Indian Olympic Games. 6-30 Children's hour. 7 I' still a critic. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Bombay 1. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Krishnabai Hukkeri. 7-55 Suresh Babu. 8-25 To-morrow. 8-30 Weapons of war, 4. 8-45 Krishna Geet. 8-55 Suresh Babu. 9-30 Maneck Bamboat. 9-40 Sir Thomas Beecham. 10-5 Radio Quartet. 10-30 News in English.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Delhi Radio Orchestra. 5-5 G. A. Khan Gwaliari. 5-25 Afzal Husan. 5-40 Albert Sandler and his Orchestra. 6-15 Zinda Hasan. 6-30 For villagers only. 7-30 They live again, 3. 7-50 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 7-55 Kallan Qawwal and party. 8-15 Economic Review, 4. 8-30 Majidanbai. 8-50 A duet. 10 Ghazalen. 10-35 Persian music.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 to 6-15 p.m. As in Delhi 1. 6-15 Nawab Din. 6-30 Majidanbai. 6-50 Qawwali. 7-10 Instrumental duet. 7-15 G. A. Khan Gwaliari. 7-30 to 10 As in Delhi 1. 10 Grock Dans Son Sketch De Music Hall.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. For the countryside. 7 Bhai Lal. 7-20 Habeebullah. 7-30 Nazi Raj Ki Kahani, 3. 7-45 Naseem Begam. 8 Shamshad Begam. 8-15 Economic review. 8-30 Instrumental duet. 8-35 Shamshad Begam. 8-50 Clarionet recital. 9-50 Habeebullah. 10 Achhop Rag. 10-15 Naseem Begam.

Dacca Programme

257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. My Prayer. 5-30 Sital Bhattacharya. 5-50 Hashnuhana Bannerjee. 6 News in English. 6-5 Gnayer Pathey. 7 Stepping down. 7-45 Books to read. 8 Sudhir Chakravarti. 8-15 Sarfat Ali. 8-30 Waliullah Khan. 9-5 Apanga Chakravarti. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Sudhir Chakravarti. 10 Sarfat Ali. 10-15 Waliullah Khan.

Calcutta I—Programme

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)
(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)

5 p.m. For the children. 5-45 News in Bengali. 5-50 For the children. 6 News in English. 6-10 Girls and boys come out to play. 6-45 Mahua. 8-40 Announcements in Bengali. 8-45 News in Bengali. 9 Mary St. Johnston. 9-15 Announcements in English. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Waltz time. 10-30 News in English.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

6-10 p.m. Gauhar Sultan. 6-25 Topics of the day. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar. 7 Ek Tha Raja. 7-30 Bikmat Ke Khazane, 3. 7-45 Mannabai. 8 Ae Bat To Suno. 8-15 A sarangi recital. 8-25 Picked from our features. 8-41 Roti Hoon Aur Gati Hoon. 8-51 Lakshan Geets. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 Mannabai. 10-10 Lucknow Radio Orchestra. 10-15 Gauhar Sultan.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s.)

4-0 p.m. Children's Educational Broadcasts. Invocation 4-3 Things of Interest. (Telugu) by 'Radio Mama'. 4-6 Romance of Letters. The evolution of writing. A talk in Telugu by G. Subbramiah. 4-20 Group Singing by the students of the Corporation High School, Nungambakam. 4-30 Melodious Moments. 5-0 Carnatic Orchestra. 5-20 Scenes from Keechaka Vadham. 6-5 P. V. Angappa Pillai. 6-40 To-day's Headline (Telugu). 6-45 Musiri Subramanya Iyer: Voice. A recital of Light songs. 7-0 Week by Week. A weekly review of world events. An interview in Tamil. 7-15 Instrumental Interlude. 7-50 P. N. Angappa Pillai Nagaswaram. 8-30 Kunnakkudi Venkatarama Iyer: Voice. 9-0 Weekly Discussion (English). 9-15 An Interlude. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News Relay. 9-45 AIR Artist: Veena Vachamagocharunda: Adana. 10-0 Shrimati Kannamma of Cocanada: Voice.

Madras II—Programme

60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s.)

4-0 to 6-5 p.m. As in Madras 1. 6-5 For Rural Areas. 6-15 Of More Than Rural Interest: Radio. A talk in Telugu. 6-25 Recitations from Classes by Shrimati P. Subbamma. 6-30 Song Story in Telugu. 6-40 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 Sally in Piano Moods. 9-45 Arthur Askey: Voice. 9-55 Accordion Band. 10-10 Introductions. 5. To night you will be introduced to the Clarionet recital by Bandsman Dalby. From His Excellency the Governor's Orchestra.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s.)

5-0 p.m. Instrumental Overture. 5-20 K. S. Shantarajamma. Vocal. 5-45 Tunes from the Talkies. 6-5 For the Villages. 6-30 Titte Krishna Iyengar. 7-0 World Affairs. (Relayed from the B B C). 7-15 Learn to Sing. 7-50 The Trichy Radio Nataka Sala. 9-45 K. S. Shantarajamma.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Express)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Pass.	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8-05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

	Arr.	Dep.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	5-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8-15	21-15
	(Mon.)	(Sat.)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	18-45	8-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

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Trade Covering March Option In N. Y. Cotton Market

EARLY DECLINE IN SYMPATHY WITH BOMBAY

Good Undertone But Narrow Session

Bombay, Feb. 8.

On Wednesday the New York Cotton Market was quietly steady. The undertone of the market was good but the session was narrow with restricted trading. Early decline in sympathy with Bombay was followed by routine trading and tyre-mill buying that the market finally suffered a partial reaction.

There was no fresh development to attract speculators and the session witnessed a price range of 8 per cent. The opening was the lowest level of the day while it closed at the top: Operators are still awaiting Washington developments and both buyers and sellers are friendly around present level.

Large call sales of March delivery are believed to absorb hedge selling and as the season advances more cotton is reaching its destination. The statistical position of American cotton is gaining strength and present prices offer no risks.

NEW YORK MARKET.

The New York Cotton Market opened steady. After early decline in sympathy with Liverpol, prices advanced on professional buying and price fixing in nears. Foreign buying of distants absorbed further scale up selling of March by a Houston spot house and scattered liquidation. The market then reacted partially on local realising and south selling. Finally trade covering in March appeared with the session closing steady.

March was quoted one point down at 10.92 at the opening and soon declined to 10.89, the low level for the day. Later on there was improved buying and prices advanced 8 points from the low level and March was quoted 10.97 which was the highest level. The market closed at a net rise of 1 to 4 points. Spot Cotton prices advanced 4 points at 11.02 c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

The New Orleans Cotton Market responded to the previous day's rise in New York Cotton prices and ruled very steady. Finally the close registered a rise of 13 to 16 points. Spot Cotton prices advanced 16 points at 10.60 c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

The Liverpool Cotton Market opened at a decline of 3 points with March 8.03. There was local selling on easy Eastern advices which met with trade calling, but prices were easily influenced either way. Later on there was local selling on easier spot basis and Bombay selling which met trade calling. Towards the close there was hedging and local realising. The market closed at a net decline of 4 to 5 points. Spot Cotton prices closed unchanged at 8.33d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

There was increased selling in Egyptian Cotton and Uppers futures declined 20 to 12 points and spot cotton lost 3 points at 10.26d. Giza futures closed 21 to 18 points down. The Alexandria Cotton Market was quiet. Sakels futures closed 25 to 14 points down and Ashmouni futures declined 18 to 17 points.

SOUND POSITION.

"The local Forward Market opened steady but soon declined sharply on heavy selling by Calcutta, Share Bazaar operators, option dealers and local bear operators, following an alleged peace plan broadcast from America. Substantial buying by Exporters and straddle operators partially relieved the pressure but despite the steadiness of Liverpool, the closing tone was easy. At night, favourable foreign advices were ignored and further bear pressure depressed the market to Rs. 263-8-0. The sudden pessimistic turn yesterday was mainly due to the peace talk referred to above. The alleged report was completely ignored by foreign markets, the action of which should dispel any fears in this direction.

Another reason for the recent weakness of most Indian markets has been the fear of increased taxation, state Messrs. M. & B. Stern.

Promised modifications and the deferring of the Excess Profits Tax till after the presentation of the Budget on the 29th instant should allay these fears.

As far as the Indian cotton is concerned, the position is fundamentally very sound and we see no reason to alter our opinion."

PRIVATE CABLES

New York March highest 10.97+04 (3 p.m.)
New York March lowest 10.89—04 (10-10 a.m.)
Liverpool March highest 8.08+02.
Liverpool March lowest 8.00—06.

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd., have received to-day the following Cable information from their Foreign Friends:—

Liverpool.—Owing large amount sold on call March New York, trade calling- probably will be fully sufficient to offset hedge sales which only appear on advances. Speculative long interest Liverpool markets appreciably reduced, while trade buying likely to increase when control margins agreed on.

Liverpool.—Market steady and fairly healthy. With fluctuations expect higher prices later.

New York.—Good trade demand nears. Hedge selling. Houston selling March scale up.

NEW YORK COTTON

(New Contracts)

New York, Feb. 7.

Mar.	11.18+03
May	10.77+02
July	10.46+04
Oct.	9.66+04
Dec.	9.56+03

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 7.

March	10.97+04
May	10.62+01
July	10.29+02
October	9.66+04
Middling Spot	11.02+04

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Feb. 7.

March	11.06+13
May	10.75+16
July	10.39+15
Middling spot	10.60+16

11 A.M. RATES NOON CALL

New York, Feb. ..

March	10.94/10.94	10.94
May	10.66/10.64	10.63
July	10.33/10.33	10.29

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, Feb. 7.

	Bales
Days Receipts at all U. S Ports	6,000
Days Exports to Great Britain	10,000
Days Exports to the Continent	6,000
Days Exports to China and Japan	nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Feb. 7.

February	8.03—04
March	8.02—04
April	8.01—04
May	8.00—05
June	7.97—05
July	7.95—05
August	7.88—05
September	7.82—04
October	7.75—02
November	7.71—04
December	7.70—04
January	7.67—04
February	7.65—04
March	7.63—04
May	7.59—04
Middling spot	833—

10-4? A.M. QUOTATIONS

Liverpool, Feb. 7.

March	8.00
May	7.99

Bombay Port Trust

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held on 6th February 1940, the appointment by the Government of India of Mr. L. Wilson (General Manager of the G. I. P. Railway) to be a member of the Board vice Mr. J. H. F Raper resigned was recorded.

Subject to the sanction of Government, a contribution of Rs. 5,000 for the year 1939-40 was granted to the Indian Sailors' Home in Bombay.

An estimated expenditure of Rs. 18,900 was sanctioned for providing nahanies and paving the floors and part of the rear compound of the railway quarters at Jackeria and Panton Bunders, the expenditure during the current year to be restricted to the budget provision of Rs. 4,000.

The following lease proposals were sanctioned:—

A 56-year lease of about 57,000 square yards of land at Mazagon-Sewri to the Government of India for an Army Ordnance Depot;

A 16-year supplemental lease of about 4,444 square yards of land at Mazagon-Sewri to the Mukund Iron and Steel Works Ltd. for expansion of their foundry and workshop.

A 10-year renewal of leasehold Rent Roll No. 1139 comprising 154 square yards at Mazagon-Sewri for a motor accessories shop and petrol pumps; and

Conversion of a yearly tenancy of 1,180 square yards at Argyle Road, Elphinstone Estate, to a 30-year lease at revised rates for godowns and offices.

NEW HINDUSTANI CLASSES

The Hon. Secretary, Hindustani Seva Sangh writes: "Spread of Hindustani is one of the manifold activities of the above Sangh. With this object in view, under the auspices of the Hindustani Seva Sangh new Hindustani Classes (Prarambhik, Paresh, Parichaya and Kovid) will be opened very shortly at different centres in Bombay. The course of studies will remain as per the curriculum set down by the All-India Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha and the classes will be conducted by a fully qualified efficient staff.

Those intending to join the classes should communicate or see the Secretary in the office of the Sangh, Hind Vidyalaya (Aryan Education Society's old premises) Vithalbhai Patel Road, between 8 and 9-30 a.m. on week days.

RAMWADI FREE EYE HOSPITAL

The total attendance was 7947, out of which 3707 were males, 3328 were females and 912 were children. 188 operations were performed, during the month of January.

The daily average attendance was 305, during 26 working days of the month.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, Feb. 7.

Sakels.	Ash.	Giza.
Mar. 19.77—25	Feb. 17.51—18	Mar. 18.40—21
May 19.82—14	Apl. 17.72—17	May 18.79—19

LONDON RUBBER

London, Feb. 7.

Smoked Sheets Standard Ribber per lb. 12-1/4 sellers.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 7

Rupee paper 3-1/2 per cent £65.
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948 £77-1/2.
Indian stock 3-1/2 per cent 1931 or later £90-1/2.
Indian stock 4-1/2 per cent 1950/55 £110-1/2.
Consols 2-1/2 per cent £73
Conversion loan 3-1/2 per cent 1961 £99-1/4.
War loan 3-1/2 per cent £98-1/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90 £110-7/8
Victory bonds £110-1/8
Chartered bank of I. A. and China £9
Hongkong and Shanghai bank London reg. £87-1/2
National bank of India £30-3/8

STUDENTS' UNION, UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY

Mr. J. E. Castellino, Commercial Officer, B. B. and C. I. Railway will lecture on "The Road-Rail Problem" to-morrow (Friday) at 3-30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall, University Buildings (South Wing), 1st Floor, Prof. J. J. Anjaria will preside.

VERSOWA CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Candidates wishing to contest the election of the Executive Committee of the Versowa Taluka Congress Committee should kindly send their applications to the President before 15th February 1940 upto 6 p.m. (S.T.).

Application forms can be had from the Joint Secretaries. Candidates should note the following things:

Candidate should be a member before 30-9-1939.

Applications will be scrutinized and voting will take place on Sunday, the 25th instant at 5-30 p.m. at the Bhalchandra P. Bhandary Hall above Congress Committee room. There are 15 seats in the Executive Committee.

BACHUBAI KARSONDAS DISPENSARY

At the Bai Bachubai Seth Kanji Karsondas Charitable Dispensary for women and children, conducted by the Social Service League, Bombay, at Parel, the total number of patients treated during the month of January 1940 was 1,134 of whom 594 were women and 540 children, the daily average attendance of patients being 43.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Feb. 8.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/58 Loan 94
3 per cent 1963/66 Loan 89.
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101-6
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 94-12.
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Note 90-14.
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 100-12
5 per cent 1960/70 Loan 105-6.
4 per cent 1948 Bonds 104-6
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 110-8
5 per cent 1940/43 Bond 101-4.

TAX-FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 110-10
4 per cent 1953-65 Mysore 109
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 117-0

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B. P. T. 1974 102-4
4 per cent M. Deb. 1974 101-8
5 per cent M Deb. 1959 113
6 per cent M Deb 1954 120
6 per cent KPT 1956 120

Tone:—Quietly steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Feb. 8.

B. C. RATES:—
T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 8th May

LONDON:—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 8th May
Bank's selling T T D D .....
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 9/32 Two months

NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling 1 T 334
Bank's buying T T 330
Bank's buying D D 328 1/2

PARIS:—
Bank's selling T T 1306
Bank's buying T T 1330

JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T 79 1/2
Bank's buying T T 78 1/2
Bank's buying 60 days 77 1/2

AMSTERDAM:—
Bank's selling D D 55 1/8

JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D 54 5/8

HONGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D 83 7/8

SHANGHAI:—
Bank's selling D D 27

SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

CROSS RATE:—
Hongkonk/London 1/2 15/16 8th inst.
Shanghai/London 0/4 5/8 8th inst.
Java/London 7.47/55 8th inst.
New York/London 3.98 1/8 7th inst.
London/New York 4.02-1/2/3-1/2 7th inst.
London/Paris 176-1/2/3/4 7th inst.
London/Italy 78.50 7th inst.
London/Belgium 23.75/90 7th inst.
London/Switzerland 17.85/95 7th inst.
London/Stockholm 16.85/95 7th inst.
London/Amsterdam 7.53/58 7th inst.
London/Japan 1/2 7/32 7th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8/8/0 6th inst.
Gold £8/8/0 7th inst.
Silver London Ready 21 11/16 6th inst.
Silver London Ready 21 1/2 7th inst.
Silver London Forward 21 9/16 6th inst.
Silver London Forward 21 3/8 7th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 6th inst.
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 7th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 6th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 7th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 6th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 7th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money: Call 1 1/2 per cent.
3 months 2 per cent.
6 months 2 1/4 per cent.
Tone:—Steady

Statistical Position Of Indian Cotton Stronger Than American

PREFER PURCHASES.

Bombay, Feb. 8.

Messrs. P. Chrystal & Co. have issued the following weekly report:—

Since we wrote this report last week the nett changes in the Cotton Futures markets have been as under:—

NEW YORK.

		May.
31-1-40	.....	10.33
7-2-40	.....	10.62
		+.29

LIVERPOOL.

		May.	July.
31-1-40	.....	7.80	7.75
7-2-40	.....	8.00	7.95
		+.20	+.20

BOMBAY.

	Broach. A./May.	Oomra. Mch.	Bengal. Mch.
1-2-40	265-0-0	236-0-0	195-8-0
8-2-40	264-0-0	234-4-0	192-8-0
	—1-0-0	—1-12-0	—3-0-0

During the week trading on the New York market has been on a very small scale. This being re-election year for the President, there is much uncertainty as to what action is likely to be taken by the Administration in their cotton policy. Meantime exports flow out of the country at a heavy rate, and after the shakeout of bull accounts in recent weeks the tone has been quite steady and prices have recovered about 1-1/2 dollars a bale. We look for a continuation of the quiet steady market of the past week as at present prices there is little fresh cotton to be sold or hedged. Liverpool has also been a narrow market, but here also the tone has been steady.

EXPORT DEMAND

In Bombay the tone at the beginning of the week was quite steady on a better export enquiry from the Far East, but with this demand drying up the undertone has been poor during the last few days and prices are back at the level of a week ago, in spite of the improvement in Americans. There has obviously been further liquidation of stale bull accounts, and as we pointed out a week ago, when a market like Bombay has been too high on parity for a long time when the pendulum does swing it usually overswings. At the moment our market looks tired and there apparantly is little to encourage bulls. Export demand is poor, local Mills are taking little interest and arrivals in the interior are moderately heavy. However, our parity is now about the widest of the season and we should hesitate to follow the decline much further. After all our supply position this year is healthy. In fact crop estimates lately have been reduced in the Western, Coompta and Tinnivelly areas. In addition it is probable a fair proportion of the Broach crop may be rejected in arbitration as the staple may be considered below the average of the season. On any revival of demand it will be found that there is a large quantity of "on call" cotton to be fixed by buyers.

Two Sided Price Movement In Shares

IMPROVED BUYING AT CLOSE

Market Steady But Bears Active

Bombay, Feb. 8.

After a sharp decline during the past two sessions when Tata Steel Dfds. declined from Rs. 2,070 to Rs. 1,930 the market was fairly steady to-day during the early part but later on there was renewed selling and the small improvement recorded was wiped off.

As pointed out before Bears now hold the key to the market and every attempt is being made to depress prices. It was said in the market that there would be general strike in Ahmedabad Mills and this influenced selling in cotton and the decline in raw cotton again affected the Share Bazar.

It does not require to say that a cotton mill is not a iron factory but any unfavourable news is having more effect on steel shares. This is mainly due to speculative activity of professional operators who seem to have common interest in both cotton and share markets.

Whatever may be the price tendency in the near future, it appears that all markets are preparing for a fresh upward move. Heavy liquidation have left markets in healthy conditions and we see nothing in the general situation to depress prices.

Still handicapped by uncertain political and business outlooks as well as by renewed peace talks, Wall-Street was sluggish and uninteresting but fractional gains predominated, the market closing steady. In the meanwhile the opinion is held that as the decline in values outrun recession in industrial activity, the technical rally should be extended moderately. U. S. Steel Shares advanced 3/8 at 58 3/8. General Motors gained 3/4 at 53 7/8 and Anaconda copper shares improved 1/4 at 27 3/4 dollars.

It will be seen that Nazi peace proposals failed to depress Wall-Street whereas our market declined considerably. The proposal seemed to have nothing earnest in it but the highly speculative character of local markets had considerable effect.

In the present state, operators are inclined to follow up bearish news and ignore bullish ones, knowing well that Bull operators have suffered heavy losses and have no nerves to re-enter the market on a large scale. However the drastic decline during the past month under forced liquidation has improved the technical situation of the market which is now gradually getting oversold. Thus it is risky to sell short after a drastic decline and the market will be soon again buying zone.

Tata Steel Dfds. opened to-day at Rs. 1,935 and advanced to Rs. 1,960. Later on under renewed selling prices declined to Rs. 1,915 and closed unchanged at Rs. 1,932. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 369 and after improving to Rs. 373 declined to Rs. 365 and closed at Rs. 369. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 930 and closed at Rs. 935. Associated Cement shares closed at Rs. 122/12 and Bombay Burmas closed at Rs. 606.

The dividend on Burma Corporation Shares is declared 31/2 annas against the last dividend of annas five.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 8.

100	Ahmedabad Advance ...	350 0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	935 0
100	CENTURY	308 0

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay, Feb. 8.

Bombay Dyeing (922) 930, 942, 832, 940, 927 935.

Century (307) 308, 311, 315, 307, 312, 302, 304, 308.

Central India (296) 300, 305, 296, 301, 293, 295.

Kohinoor (344) 349, 355, 346, 349.

New Great (342) 340, 350, 342, 348.

Simplex (105/8) 105, 107, 106/8, 108, 104, 105, 106.

Swadeshi (268) 273, 268, 271, 268, 269.

Associated Cement (121/12) 122 123/12, 123, 122/8, 122/12.

Andhra (1487/8) 1475.

Tram. Ord. (129/8) 129/8.

Tata Hydro (155) 155.

Tata Power (1322/8) 1325, 1332, 1330, 1332.

T. Steel Dfd. (1932/8) 1935 1960, 1930, 1955, 1920, 1915, 1932 (1940.)

T. Steel Ord (367/8) 369. 373, 367, 372, 365, 369 (370).

Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (136/8) 136/8.

Beliapur (221) 223 220, 218, 217

B. Steam (301) 301.

B. Burma (593/12) 597, 607, 610, 595, 600 606.

100	CENTRAL INDIA ...	295 8
100	COLABA	153 0
100	Coorla	120 0
250	David	40 0
250	Dawn	390 0
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0-7-3
100	FINLAY	149 0
100	GOKAK	176 0
1000	Hindustan	2000 0
100	Indore	39 0
100	Khatau	115 10
100	KOHINOOR ...	349 0
250	Laxmi	525 0
250	Madras United	25 0
100	MORARJI	176 0
250	Model	77 8
50	MYSORE	104 9
200	NEW GREAT	345 0
100	Oosmanshahi	55 0
100	Phoenix	300 0
25	SASSOON SILK	86 0
100	Sholapur	4225 0
50	SIMPLEX ...	106 0
100	SWADESHI	269 8
100	SWAN	140 0
500	Vishnu	1380 0
1000	Western	950 0
	BANKS	
50-100	Baroda	101 0
25-50	Central	33 15
500	Imperial	1485 0
125-500	Imp. Conty.	361 8
50-100	India	137 8
100	Reserve Bank	104 8
5	Union	5-11-6
	CEMENTS	
100	ASSOCIATED	122 12
	INSURANCE	
100	Empire	630 0
15-100	Jupiter	9 8
20	Mercantile	49 0
15-75	New India	36 12
200	Oriental ...	4170 0
10-50	Vulcan	7 0
	ELECTRIC	
100	Ahmed. Old	146 14
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1475 0
10	Ajmer	10 10
50	BOMBAY TRAM	129 8
100	Bombay Suburban	165 0
10	Broach	11 8
100	Karachi	182 8
100	Poona	185 0
100	Surat	160 0
100	TATA HYDRO	155 0
1000	TATA POWER	1332 8
	RAILWAYS	
500	Ahmedabad Prantij	987 8
100	C. Province	100 12
100	Dh. Baramati	95 8
100	Gujarat ...	94 5
100	Mandra Bhon	91 5
100	Pachora Jamner	72 0
100	Sara Serajganj	97 0
500	Tapti Valley	757 8
	MININGS	
9	Burma Corpn.	6 7
2sh.	Indian Copper	2 5
10	Indian Iron and Steel	35 0
15	SHIVRAJPUR	45 0
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	1932 8
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	369 0
	MISCELLANEOUS	
100	ALCOCK	471 4
10	Air Services	5 0
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	217 8
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	602 8
250	BOMBAY STEAM	301 0
126	B. BURMA	606 4
50	B. BURMA CONT.	187 8
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	4 13
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE ...	86 8
100	IND. BLEACHING	111 8
50	Ind. Invest Trust ...	47 0
100	Ind. Radio Def.	447 8
100	Indian Radio Ord	452 6
100	Port Canning	73 0
30	PREMIER CON. ...	77 0
15	Scindia	21 10
25	Tata Oil Mill	48 4
100	Western I Match	148 0
	PREFERENCE	
7	p.c Andhra Valley ...	1395 0
6	p.c Bombay Steam	284 6
7	p.c. Bom. Tram (T. F.)	74 8
6	1/4 p.c Prem Const. 1st	108 0
6	1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	101 0
7	p.c Tata Hydro	142 8
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1490 0
6	p.c Tata Steel 1st Pref ...	190 0
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	136 12
7	p.c. Vishnu	682 8
	DEBENTURES	
3	3/4 p.c Andhra Valley	100 0
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	103 8
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	49 8

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON UNCHANGED

Rails Very Firm In London

SILVER MARKET DISAPPOINTING

BOMBAY, February 8

The New York cotton market continued quiet and inactive due to lack of stimulating news with the resultant narrow changes.

During the night session, Broach gained a few points at the early stage but the rise was a temporary one and prices again dropped.

A feature on the London Stock Exchange was Rail shares which ruled exceptionally strong.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940

New York, Feb 8

Previous closing	10.97
To-day's opening	10.96
Difference	—01
To-day's closing	10.97
Difference	unchanged.

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940

Liverpool, Feb 8

Previous closing	8.02
To-day's opening	8.00
Difference	—02
To-day's closing	8.03
Difference	+01

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May ..... Rs.
Broach July/August ..... Rs.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb 8

The trading in March began at 10.96 i.e. one point lower than the last closing.

Prices declined on scattered liquidation and outside selling but the pressure was not great with subsequent fluctuations being small and unimportant.

BOMBAY COTTON Late Trading

Bombay, Feb 8

To-night Broach A/M opened at Rs. 267-8. The rate after improving to Rs 268 declined to Rs. 265. Closing rates for A/M and J/A were Rs. 265-8 and Rs. 274-8 respectively.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb 8

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange :—

March (10.92/92) 10.96/96
May (10.57/57) 10.63/63
July (10.23/23) 10.30/30

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool, Feb 8

American March (8.07) 8.03
American May (8.05) 8.01
Giza March (10.39) 10.28
Giza May (10.25) 10.46

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, Feb 8

SEEDS

Castorseeds February March (£22 quoted) £22 quoted
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta February/March (£19 3/4 quoted) £19 3/4 quoted
Linseed La Plata February (£15 3/8 quoted) £15 3/8 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal February March (£15 quoted) £15 quoted

JUTES

Dundee February (£49) £49
Lightning February (£46) £46

RUBBER

Spot (12d paid and buyers) 12 3/16d paid and buyers
Forward April June (11 5/8d paid and buyers) 11 7/8d paid and value

METALS

Tin (£238 buyers; £238 1/4 sellers. Steadier) £238 1/4 buyers; £238 1/2 sellers. Steady
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62
Lead Foreign Cash (£26) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (111 sh.) 111 sh.

ANÆMIA

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EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, Feb 8

Previous closing	3.98 1/8
To-day's opening	3.98 1/8

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Feb 8

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T T LONDON ON PARIS

London, Feb 8

Previous closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's opening	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London, Feb 8

The following cable regarding London Silver Market was received here to-day :—

Very small general business. Market quiet.

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb 8

Spot (21 1/2d) 21 1/2d
Forward (21 3/8d) 21 3/8d

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb 8

Golds Bars fine per ounce (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Feb 8

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

Franc was officially fixed at 176.50 to 176.75

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay (13.24 5/8) 13.24 5/8
New York on Bombay (30.23) 30.23
London on Milan (78.50) 78.50
London on Shanghai (0-4 1/4 to 0-4 5/8) 0-4 1/8 to 0-4 5/8
London on Kobe (1-2 1/8 to 1-2 7/32) 1-2 1/8 to 1-2 7/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/8 per cent.
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS Latest Night Quotations

Bombay, Feb 8

Wheat May	4 4 9
Linseed May	7 8 0

BOMBAY BULLION Latest Night Quotations.

Bombay, Feb 8

Silver Ready	56 8 0
Silver Maha	55 12 0
Silver Fagan	56 4 0
Gold Ready	42 5 9
Gold Maha	42 7 3
Gold Fagan	42 8 6
Sovereigns	27 3 0

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED

Bombay, Feb 8

Volkart Bros Dutch ss Bloemfontein of 6160 reg tons, Captain G Corten arrived from Porebunder with cargo of cement.

James Mackintosh and Company's Norwegian ss Goviken of 2950 reg tons, Captain G. Helder arrived from Saigon with cargo of rice.

SAILED

N Y Kaisha's Japanese ss Kaisyo Maru Captain T Kubo sailed for Karachi with scrap iron and general cargo.

Lloyd Triestino Company's Italian ss Marin Sanudo Captain E Melis sailed for Dairen with general cargo.

Lloyd Triestino Company's Italian s s Conte Biancamano Captain G Ferrara sailed for Shanghai with passengers and general cargo.

EXPORTS

29 bales calendered grey baft K Virji and Co; 79 bales raw wool D Abraham and Sons; 48 bags methi seed Mangaldas and Co; 121 bags cummin seed Mangaldas and Co; 25 bags corriander seed Mangaldas and Co; 30 cases chutney M M Poonjiaji and Co; 275 tons old iron scrap The Nissho Co Ltd; 41 bales raw wool Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 187 bags pickers The Commercial Corptn; 211 bags pickerwaste cuttings The Commercial Corptn; 185 bags gr nut kernal P Haridas and Co; 25 bales ctn cold striped twill E Leslie and Co; 700 bags linseed oil cake exp L Dreyfus and Co; 25 bales goat hair H E Dossa; 21 bales cotton waste M Narotamdas and Co; 500 bs cotton waste G M Vyas and Co; 2200 bags linseed oil cake flat The Swastik Oil Mlls Ltd; 10 bales d/s goat skins Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 40 bales grey ctn yarn Pavri Sons and Co; 200 bales raw cotton N Futehally and Co; 100 bales raw cotton Pehlavi Ctn Co; 100 bales raw cotton R P Puria and Co; 200 bales raw cotton Hansraj and Co; 400 bales raw cotton K Vishram and Co; 800 bales raw cotton A Clayton and Co; 1100 bales raw cotton Kotak and Co; 350 bales raw cotton Gill and Co; 100 bales raw cotton The Podar Trading Co Ltd; 600 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 2833 bs raw cotton K Devchand and Co Ltd; 13 tons scrap iron Ali Bros; 2700 bags gr nut oil cake exp The Swastik Oil Mills Ltd; 50 bags dill seed E Mavji and Co; 50 bags ajama seed E Mavji and Co; 50 bags mustard seeds E Mavji and Co; 100 bags almond seed E Mavji and Co; 25 bales grey ctn yarn T M Kaisha Ltd; 100 bales raw cotton K Poonja and Co; 200 bales raw cotton M S Kaisha Ltd.

IMPORTS

180 drums dyestuffs; 90 cases ctn yarn; 330 cases ctn pcegoods; 160 bales staple fibre yarn; 30 cases w/n worsted weaving yarn; 100 cases iron oxide; 50 cases glass powder; 48 cases porcelain insulators; 100 casks tiles; 43 cases porcelainware; 204 cases rayon yarn; 52 cases spg and weaving machine; 60 cases slates; 75 cases empty tin can; 40 bales old newspapers; 260 cases glassware; 400 cases art silk yarn; 313 cases rayon pcegoods; 46 cases ctn and art silk mixed pcegoods; 110 cts chestwoods; 67 cases art silk pcegoods; 51 cases ground glass; 43 cases sheet glass; 230 bags empty glass bottles; 45 cases art silk goods; 9743 bags copra; 110 bags betelnuts; 57 cases beef dripping; 61080 pce and bundles teakwood; 44 cases toilet goods; 69 cases medicines; 55 cases cheese; 67 bales greny wool; 631 casks tallow; 185 cases cud meat; 233 bales hessain cloth; 485 bales gunny bags; 130 cyl cocoanut oil, 204 bales ctn waste; 50 bundles steel hoops; 1027 pcs old iron scrap; 88 tons old iron scrap.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Feb 8

The following are the opening quotations :—

General Motors (dol 53 1/8) dol 53 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 27 1/2) dol 27 1/4
U S Steel Common (dol 58 1/8) dol 58 1/4
U S Steel Pref (dol 116 1/4) unquoted

3½ P. C. STERLING LOAN

London, Feb 8

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £90 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London, Feb 8

3 per cent Indian Stock (£96) £96
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£90 1/2) £90 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£110 1/2) £110 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£111 1/4) £111 1/4
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£105 3/4) £105 3/4
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£107) £107
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/58 (£101) £101

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£106 1/2) £106 1/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£73) £72 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£99 1/4) £98 5/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101 1/4) £101 3/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£110 7/8) £110 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£98 1/8) £97 3/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110 1/8) £109 7/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-3) 11-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (51-10 1/2) 51-7 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 3 1/8) dol 3 1/8
Electric Music Industry (8-0) 8-1 1/2
Princhin Johnson (19-4 1/2) 19-4 1/2
Imperial Chemical (30-10 1/2) 31-0
Woolsworth New Ordinary (61-0) 60-10 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£35) £35 1/2
Dunlop Rubber (30-6) 30-3
Unilever Ordinary (29-1 1/2) 29-0
Ford Motors (15-9) 15-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£61 1/4) £61 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary (101-3) 100
Carreas 'A' (£6) £6
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (120-0) 119-4 1/2
P and O Def (19-6) 19-6
Distillers (68-0) 67-6
Bredfords Dye (6-6) 6-6
British Celanese (6-9) 7-0
J and P Coates Ordinary (35-0) 35-0
Courtaulds Ordinary (36-7 1/2) 36-6
Fine Cotton Spinners (6-3) 6-0
Vickers Limited Ordinary (19-3) 20-0
Inter Nickel (dol 46 1/2) dol 46 3/4
Indian Iron (52-6) 52-6

TEA SHARES

Assam (17-6) 17-6
Donaro Tea (30-0) 30-0
Empire of India (22-6) 22-6

JUTES

Barnagore (£11 1/4) £11 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (24-0) 25-0
Gula Kelampong (21-3) 21-3
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (33-0) 33-6

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (35-7 1/2) 35-0
Burma Corporation (9-10 1/2) 9-7 1/2
Rio Tintos (£14 5/8) £14 1/4
East Rand Properties (48-1 1/2) 48-1 1/2
Rand Mines (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£13 1/2) £13 5/8
Associated Portland Cement (50-7 1/2) 50-0
Trinidad Leasehold (68-9) 70-0
Sub Nigel (£9 1/2) £9 5/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (25-0) 25-7 1/2
Union Corporation (£7 1/8) £7 1/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (23-1 1/2) 21-10 1/2
Anglo Iranian (55-0) 55-7 1/2
Burma Oil (66-3) 66-3 1/2
Mexican Eagle (5-9) 5-7 1/2
Shell Transport (75-3) 75-7 1/2
Royal Dutch (£32 3/4) £32 3/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£41 1/2) £44 1/2
London Midland Ordinary (£15 3/4) £17 3/4
London North Eastern Def (£2 1/4) £2 1/2
London Southern Def (£14 1/2) £16 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent (£119 1/2) £119 1/2
London Transport "C" (£65) £65

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Feb. 8.

GOVT. SECURITIES

3-1/2 per cent Paper 91/2; 4 per cent 1960 70 105/12; 5 per cent 1945-55 110/6.

BANKS

Bank of Baroda 101; Bank of Hindusthan 20-8; Bank of India 137/8; Central Bank 33/14; Imperial Bank F. P. 1485; Imperial Bank P. P. 361/4; Indian Overseas Bank 46/8; Reserve Bank 104/8; Union Bank 5/11/6.

INSURANCE

Empire 630; Jupiter 9/6; New India 36/12; Oriental 4170; Vulcan 7.

RAILWAYS

Ahmd. Prantij 988/12, Central Provinces 100; Pachora Jamner 66/14; Tapti Valley 757/8.

TEXTILES

Ahmd. New Textiles 460; Ambica 267/8; Arun 217/8; Arvind 1350; Asok 212/8; Bharatkhand Textiles 2200; Bombay Dyeing 537; Buckingham and Carnatics 197; Calico 725/12; Central India 295; Century 307/8; Colaba 152/8; Elgin 155/10; Gokak 175; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 38/12; Jubilee 259/6; Khatau Makanji 115; Kohinoor 348/12; Laxmi Cotton 525; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 104/6; Morarji 180; Mysore 102/8; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 345; Raipur 710; Rajnagar 158/12; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/4; Sholapur 4375; Simplex 105/10; Swadeshi 269/6; Vishnu 1395.

HYDRO ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley Ord. 1472/8; Tata Hydro Ord. 154/6; Tata Power Ord 1330.

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad Electrics 146/14; Ajmer Electrics 10/10; Amalgamated 10/12; Bombay Suburban 165; Bombay Tram 129/6; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 170.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown 470; Associated Cements 122/8; Belapur 217/8; Bombay Burma New 187/8; Bombay Burma Old 605; Bombay Steam 297/8; Bombay Telephone 86; Br. B. Petrol 4/13; Burma Corporation 6/1; Dalmia Cement 9/8; Indian Bleaching 111/4; Industrial Investment Tr. 47; Indian Radio Ord. 452/8; Indian Radio Defd. 475; Indian Copper 2/5; Indian Iron 35; Mysore Sugar 43/4; Port Canning 73; Premier Construction 79; Rohtas Industries 21; Scindia Steam 21/10; Shivrajpur 45; Steel Corp. of Bengal 19; Tata Oil 48; Tata Steel Ordy. 369; Tata Steel Defd. 1935.

PREFERENCE

7 per cent Andhra Valley 1370; 7 per cent Bombay Tram (T. F.) 74/8; 6-1/4 per cent Premier Constr. 1st 107; 6-1/4 per cent Premier Constr. 2nd 100; 7 per cent Tata Hydro 141/4; 7-1/2 per cent Tata Power 1492/8; 7-1/2 per cent Tata Steel 2nd 136/12.

DEBENTURES

3 3/4 per cent Andhra Valley 100; 6 per cent Andhra Valley 103/12; 4 per cent Bombay Telephone 50; 7 per cent Sholapur 75; 6-1/4 per cent Tata Hydro 104/6.

JUTES

Birla Jute 21/12; Howrah 54; Hukumchand 7/11; Kamarhatty 510; Kanknarrah 420; Lawrence 420; Reliance 57.

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

1st Sept to 1st Feb

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Total	17,135	445,771	619,813

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Feb. 8.

Following a further rise of 4 points in New York Cotton futures, the local cotton market opened at Rs. 265-8 for Broach A.-M. delivery and advanced to Rs. 269 on improved buying. Later on there was rumours of possibility of strike in Ahmedabad Mills which influenced selling and some local realising and prices reacted to Rs. 264-8 and later steadied at Rs. 265.

Position of Indian cotton is healthy and present prices are attractive. Local operators and particularly Bears are making attempts to depress prices and take the advantage of movement of crops. This shows that speculators are acting against the interests of cotton growers. Otherwise local prices are now under New York Cotton prices. There was a time when prices in Bombay were about Rs. 60 per candy above New York but now when prices are below New York, Bears are making attempts to depress prices.

Prices after declining to Rs. 261-12 improved to Rs. 264-8. Liverpool opened at a decline of 2 points. There was further improvement in Liverpool and a rise of 7 points was reported which influenced buying in the local market and prices advanced to Rs. 267. The market closed at 5-30 p.m. as under :—

Broach A.-M.		266	8 0
Broach S.-A.		275	0 0
Oomra Mar.		237	0 0
Oomra May		240	8 0
Bengal Mar.		197	8 0
Bengal May		200	8 0

DELIVERY OF SHARES

Out of a total of 613000 shares for delivery in February Settlement account through the Clearing House, the following are conspicuous :—

Associated Cement	14970
Andhra	58
Alcock	170
Belapur	3320
Bombay Burma	1174
Bombay Steamer	372
Bombay Telephone	2190
Century	2011
Colaba	1450
Dyeing	1679
Gokak	2522
Indian Bleaching	625
Kohinoor	1345
Morarji	836
Mysore	220
Finlay	1580
New Great	610
Nagpur	2671
Phoenix	6
Premier Construction	2540
Shivrajpur	2730
Swadeshi	784
Simplex	3595
Swan	400
Tata Steel Ordinary	9115
Tata Steel Deferred	2346
Tata Hydro	665
Tata Power	368
Tram	1950

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 7

UPPERS :—	
Spot	10.26—03
March	9.90—90
May	10.01—18
July	10.09—16
October	9.92—12
November	9.86—18
January	9.85—15
GIZA NO. 2 :—	
Spot	10.69—10
March	10.27—21
May	10.45—18
July	10.42—18
October	10.58—18
November	10.53—18
January	10.53—18

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Feb 8

M G :—	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
Bengal U P	201	199	196	193	
Punjab	201	199	196	193	
Rajputana	209	207	204	201	
Oomra No. 3	241	239	236	233	
C P No. 1	255	253	250	247	
C P No. 2	247	245	242	239	
Broach No. 2		268	266	263	260
Surat		304	302	299	296
Rajpipla		301	299	296	293
Navsari		311	309	306	303

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Feb 8

Bengal Fine	205-06
Punjab Fine	200-02
C. P. 1	251-54
C. P. 2	242-44
Berar	236-38
Khandesh	225-29
Jalna Sallu	230-32
Ahmednagar	229-31
Broach	259-66
Punjab 4 F	276-79
Punjab 289 F	302-12
Sindh N T	292-97

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 7-2-40	5923000	3288000
Receipts yesterday 7-2-40	6000	3000
Exports to date 7-2-40	4383000	2398000
Stock at Ports 2-2-40	3088000	2775000
Stock at Interior Towns 2-2-40	3011000	3243000
Stock at Liverpool 2-2-40	.....	1029000
Visible Supply 2-2-40	.....	7220000
Quantity in sight 2-2-40	10685000	7652000
Quantity out of sight 2-2-40	.....	6067000

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, Feb 8

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY Since 1st Sept

In full-pressed bales Yesterday	This year	Last year
Khandesh 58	47,882	31,328
Central India 974	58,707	159,747
Barsi and Nagar 544	96,181	44,679
Hyderabad Gaorani 379	39,362	4,020
Berar 5,154	224,291	98,019
Central Provinces 1,047	54,226	25,130
Total Oomras 8,156	519,648	362,923
Dholera 884	31,060	98,512
N W Provinces	21,701	1,794
Rajputana 163	23,171	35,607
Sind Punjab 872	269,791	228,007
Broach 5,071	39,783	25,087
Coompta and Dharwar	14,530	13,999
Westerns Northerns 82	16,166	17,914
Cocoanada	50	6
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	1,309	2,540
American 3,614	5,843	2,196
Egyptian, African and Sudan 10	190,974	150,133
Comilla, Burma and other sorts	1,915	7
Total 18,472	1,135,941	935,825
Arrived by road to 1st February 1940	118,248	

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Feb 8

Yarn No. 6 1/2s	February 138	April	140
June 142			
Yarn No. 10 1/2s	February 150	April	156
June 160			
Yarn No. 20 1/2s	February 212	April	218
June 222			
Yarn No. 40s	February 285	April	288
June 291			

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 2nd February 1940.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	Rs.
CAPITAL :—		
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00 000	
Issued and subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each fully paid	3,75,00,000	
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	5,62,50,000
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	
Reserve Fund		5,60,00,000
Fixed Deposit		
Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts		88,02,58,000
Loans against Securities per contra		—
Acceptances for Constituents		1,15,000
Sundries		49,51,000
	Rupees	99,75,74,000
ASSETS	Rs.	Rs.
INVESTMENTS :—		
Government Securities	37 21,04 000	
Other Authorised Investments	97,18,000	38,18,22,000
ADVANCES :—		
Loans	9,55,35,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	31,97,04,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	4,87,79,000	46,40,18,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra		1,15,000
Dead Stock		1,86,27,000
Sundries		58,48,000
Bullion		
CASH :—		
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	9,82,01,000	
Balances with other Banks	2,89,43,000	12,71,44,000
	Rupees	99,75,74,000

WALL-STREET MARKET

New York, Feb 7

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange :—

	Dollars
Amr Pow and Lt 5 per cent Pfd	45 5/8
Elec Bond and Share Common	6 7/8
Columbia Gas and Electric	6 1/4
Int Tel and Tel (Foreign)	4
Amr Tel and Tel	170 3/4
Western Union Telg	24
Sun Life of Canada	300
Union Pacific	93 1/2
New York Central R R	16 3/8
Amrex Corporation	15 3/8
Union Carbon and Carbide	80 3/4
Texas Corporation	43 1/8
Socony	11 5/8
Consolidated Oil	7 1/8
United States Steel	58 3/8
Bethlehem Steel	75 7/8
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	21 3/4
Republic Steel	20 1/4
Crucible Steel	37 1/8
U S Smelting	64 1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	27 3/4
Int Nickel of Canada	36 5/8
Chrysler Motors	82 3/4
General Motors	53 7/8
General Electric	39
Lockheed	33
Woolworth	41 1/4
Chase National Bank	34 1/2
National City Bank of New York	29 1/4

Turnover 490,000 shares

INDIAN STERLING LOANS.

London, Feb 7

3 per cent	77 1/2
3 1/2 per cent	90 1/2
3 1/2 per cent 1954/69	101
4 per cent 1948/53	105 3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	110 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	111 1/4
5 per cent 1942/47	107
3 per cent 1947/52	96
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	73
3 1/2 per cent War Loan	98 1/8
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	110 7/8
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	52/6

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

POONA, Feb 8

Local rain has occurred in Baluchistan, while isolated showers are reported from the Madras Deccan and Assam. The chief amounts of rainfall are Dibrugarh, Chaman, Dalbandin and Nokkundi quarter inch each.

Forecast until evening 9th : Rain or snow will occur locally in the east and north Punjab and Kashmir. Local rain is also likely in the West Central Provinces and West Central India, while scattered showers may occur in Orissa, the East Central Provinces, the West United Provinces and along the North-West Frontier. Isolated showers are also likely in Chota Nagpur, East Central India, East Rajputana, the South-West Punjab and the North Madras Coast.

Local forecast : Fair weather.

Earthquake report : An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin about 5,640 miles away, was recorded by the Bombay Seismographs at 22 hours 58 minutes I.S.T. on Wednesday, the 7th February.—A.P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 8-2-1940.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours +.010 inches
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 71.9 degrees
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 67.1 degrees
Maximum temperature during 24 hours 81.9 degrees 0.2 (below normal)
Minimum temperature during 24 hours 67.6 degrees 1.1 (above normal)
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 77 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. ESE
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 7 miles per hour
Total movement of wind in 24 hours 127 miles
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 17 miles per hour
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 2

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 8-2-1940

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 74.8 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.18 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.9 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin about 5,640 miles away with its epicentre at latitude 55deg. north and longitude 178deg. east in the Bering sea was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 22 h. 58 m. I.S.T. on 7th February, 1940.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, Feb 8

Castorseeds May :—				
Opening	Rs.	53	0	0
Highest		53	2	0
Lowest		52	2	0
Closing		52	10	0
Groundnuts February—				
Opening		37	2	0
Highest		37	3	0
Lowest		36	15	0
Closing		37	2	0
Groundnuts May—				
Opening		40	8	0
Highest		40	12	6
Lowest		39	15	6
Closing		40	4	6
Cottonseeds May—				
Opening		26	10	6
Highest		26	11	6
Lowest		26	9	0
Closing		26	10	6

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, Feb 8

Fine White Java sugar per cwt :—

Ready (small grain)	Rs.	18	4 0
Ready (large grain)		18	6 0
Shipment December F B H		9	0 0
Shipment January F B H		9	0 0
Shipment February F B H		9	2 0
Shipment March F B H		9	6 0
Indian sugars ready :—			
Ready (ordinary)		17	9 0
	to	17	12 0
Ready (Large grain)		17	14 0
	to	18	8 0

Tone :—Steady

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb 7

Stock Exchange business only moderate but several good spots noticeable. Japanese stocks supported while several industrials registered higher levels. Among oils Royal Dutch was prominent. After official hours Home Rails following announcement details compensation agreement Great Western ordinary quoted 44 Southern deferred ordinary 15 London Midland Scottish ordinary 17 compared yesterday's close 42, 14 1/2, 15 3/4 respectively. Wall Street firm.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET Cotton Mills Dull

MADRAS, Feb 8

Once again business in the local market was of a very restricted nature. On the whole a quiet undertone prevailed and although there was no further marking down of prices selling pressure brought forth a further decline in rates. Miscellaneous shares were quiet and planting shares remained easier. Cotton Mills were dull.

Exchange transactions : Bank of Hindustan 20/8; Reserve Bank 103, 104; Buckinghams 194; Vellamalai 9/10; Cochin Malabars 5/12; Tropicals 16; Thamarapally 5/ cd; Spencer 'A' 7/2; New Guardian Insurance 21/12 s i; Indian Steel Rolling 7/8.

Position Of Scheduled Banks

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on 2nd February, 1940 :—

1. Demand Liabilities :—		
(a) In India	138,40,07,000	
(b) In Burma	7,23,26,000	
2. Time Liabilities :—		
(a) In India	104,61,72,000	
(b) In Burma	3,80,58,000	
3. Cash :—		
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes—		
(a) In India	6,09,37,000	
(b) In Burma	60,000	
(ii) Burma Notes :—		
(a) In India	18,000	
(b) In Burma	19,21,000	
(iii) Rupee Coin :—		
(a) In India	55,25,000	
(b) In Burma	97,000	
(iv) Subsidiary Coin :—		
(a) In India	23,59,000	
(b) In Burma	54,000	
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	18,30,83,000	
5. Advances :—		
(a) In India	144,93,59,000	
(b) In Burma	4,95,94,000	
6. Bills Discounted :—		
(a) In India	4,76,89,000	
(b) In Burma	25,92,000	

Comparative Statement of the Position of Scheduled Banks :— (in thousand rupees)

	2-2-1940	26-1-1940	3-2-1939	1-9-1939
1. Demand liabilities in India and Burma	145,63,33	146,42,82	129,62,63	141,39,78
	(7,23,26)	(7,37,33)	(6,13,00)	(7,03,29)
2 Time liabilities in India and Burma	108,42,30	107,89,24	107,89,18	106,46,46
	(3,80,58)	(3,80,74)	(4,36,60)	(4,22,12)
3. Total cash in India and Burma	7,09,71	7,13,51	6,10,33	7,29,82
	(21,32)	(24,99)	(20,94)	(59,37)
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	18,30,83	18,89,69	10,90,54	25,27,78
5. Advances in India and Burma	149,89,53	150,16,55	121,75,70	105,65,08
	(4,95,94)	(4,54,68)	(4,57,38)	(4,18,99)
6. Bills discounted in India and Burma	5,02,81	4,86,15	5,73,04	3,86,74
	(25,92)	(27,11)	(33,14)	(29,48)

(Burma figures are shown in brackets)

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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Magh Sud 1, 1996
Muslim: Jilhaj 29, 1358
Parsi: Sherever 7, 1309
Hightide: 6-52; 12-54
Lowtide: 7-02; 18 42
Sunrise. 7h. 11m.
Sunset: 6h. 36m.
A.-I. States' People's Conference Executive, 4 p.m.

POSTAL NOTICE

Superscribed unregistered correspondence for United States of America per s.s. 'Pres. Polk' will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 6 p.m. on Wednesday, the 14th instant.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION

Communication with Persian Gulf is now restored. Telegrams for Iraq, Iran and Persian Gulf will now be accepted and forwarded via Karachi.

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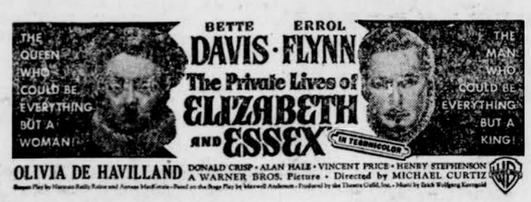
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Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"The Goldwyn Follies". To-day at 4 and 6-30 p.m. only.
REGAL—"Hollywood Cavalcade" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Marx Bros. at the Circus". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" Daily at 4 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"My Beloved" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Apni Nagaria" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day at 1 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"The Will" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar" Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Jawani-ki-Reet" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m
IMPERIAL—"Ghazi Salahuddin" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Achhut" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Admi" Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-15 p.m.
PLAZA—"Kahan Hai Manzil Teri" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.

MEDICAL WORKERS FORM UNION

On the 5th instant, Bombay Medical Workers' Union was formed with Mr. R. S. Nimbkar as the president and R. K. Kelkar as the General Secretary.

MAULANA MUSLIM'S LECTURES

Under the auspices of Cutchi Memon Mohalla Majlis Committee, well-known Maulana Mohammad Bux Muslim will deliver lectures for 11 days from the 1st Muharrum, as usual, at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Cutchi Memon Mohalla near Jakaria Masjid. Loud speakers will be installed

M. R. FREE DISPENSARY

The number of new patients treated at the Mahomedbhoy Rahimtulla Free Dispensary at Sandhurst Road, for the week ending 3rd February 1940 was 319; of these 201 were males and 118 females.

ALL MAHARASHTRA YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Secretary All Maharashtra Youth Conference writes:—

Volunteers for this Conference are requested to be present at Dadar (G. I. P.) Station to-day (Friday) at 8-30 a.m. to receive Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru.

They should also be present at 7 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday) at the office of the 'G' Ward Congress Committee (opposite Dadar Station, B. B and C. I.) to attend the procession of the President to the Shivaji Park, where the Flag Salutation ceremony will take place.

The volunteers are requested to take their badges before 8 a.m. to-day (Friday) from the office of the Conference (opposite Dadar Station).

PROF. ARYENDRA SHARMA

A public meeting of the Matunga (G. I. P.) Arya Samaj will be held to-day (Friday) at 8-30 p.m. in the public park opposite the Samaj Mandir for congratulating Prof. Aryendra Sharma (Professor of Munich University) who has returned from Germany.

BOARD OF CONCILIATION

The Board of Conciliation appointed by the Bombay Government under the Industrial Disputes Act regarding the issue of war allowance will meet to-day (Friday) between 11 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. and 2-30 and 5 p.m. at the Council Hall

B. P. W. COUNCIL

In the course of the report of the Conference of the B. P. W. Council appearing in our Thursday's issue, it was stated that Mrs. T. D. Desai spoke on the resolution while the speaker was Mr. T. D. Desai.

DR. HIRALAL D. PATEL CONTESTS FOR SENATE

Dr. Hiralal D. Patel, Eye Specialist, is seeking re-election to the Senate of the Bombay University from the Registered Graduates' Constituency.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS

The General Secretary, Bombay National Guards writes:

All the members of the Bombay National Guards are required to be present on the parade maidan to-day (Friday) at 6-30 a.m. (S.T.). And those members who have got uniform are required to be present at 1 p.m. (S.T.) in full uniform at the main entrance of the Brabourne Stadium.

PROTEST AGAINST EXCESS - PROFITS TAX

The Committee of the Bombay Cotton Merchants and Muccadums Association Ltd. have sent a telegram to the Secretary, Government of India, protesting against Excess Profits Tax Bill.

BOMBAY MEDICAL COUNCIL

The 1st ordinary meeting of the Bombay Medical Council for the year 1940 will be held in the Committee Room of the Council in Bungalow No. 19, New Marine Lines, to-day (Frday) at 1 p.m. (S.T.).

YAKSHAGANA DANCES

To-night's Performance At Patialanagar

In connection with the Olympic Games now being held in Bombay, a group of amateur artists belonging to the Shri Katyayani Yakshagana Mitra Mandali of Fort will stage an episode from the Mahabharat entitled "Babhruvahan's Fight with Arjun" in the Patialanagar Conference Pandal, behind the Churchgate Station, commencing at 10 p.m. to-night. The dances will be of the folk-dance type known as Yakshagana or Dashavatara, popular in Kanara.

SPECIAL SHOW AT CAPITOL

With the kind permission of His Highness the Yuvaraja of Mysore an unique show of interesting pictures and dances and music will be given at the Capitol to-night at 10 p.m.

The film programme consists of very interesting pictures of the interesting places and charming scenes of Italy, France and Mysore State, in technicolor.

The dances and music will be performed on the stage by the same artistes and musicians who gave a show before His Holiness the Pope of Rome some weeks back and won his appreciation.

This will be the only show and it is entirely unique and interesting at the same time.

A. I. C. C. MEMBERS FROM BOMBAY

The General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee write:—

Within the time allowed for the receiving of the nominations for the election of five representatives of the Province of Bombay on the All-India Congress Committee, only five nominations were received at the office of the B. P. C. C. These five delegates will, therefore, be returned as members of the A. I. C. C. from the City of Bombay. The formal declaration will be made at the meeting of the delegates on the 13th of this month.

These five members of the A. I. C. C. are: 1. Sjt. Bhulabhai J. Desai; 2. Sjt. S. K. Patil; 3. Sjt. Bhawanji A. Khimji; 4. Sjt. Yusuf Meherally; and 5. Sjt. S. G. Patkar.

Mandvi Congress New Council

The Jt. Hon. Secretaries, Mandvi (B) Ward Congress Committee, write:—

The Mandvi District Congress Committee had received 33 (thirty-three) nomination papers for the election of the Managing Council of 'B' Ward. The Secretaries have considered following 25 nomination papers as valid, so we announce the following 25 candidates duly elected for the new Council for 1940:—

Messrs. Salebhoy Abdul Kadar; Devji Rattansey; Mantubhai K. Mehta; Laxmidas P. Mehta; Kunvarji R. Shah; Jethabhai Bhimji; Dr. Jethalal V. Vora; Messrs. Kanji Jethabhai Mehta; Mavji Gordhandas Kantanwala; Jayantilal L. Lathi; Smt. Sofiaben Khan; Smts. Devkaben Kunvarji Momaya; Messrs. Narsey Ramanjee; Keshavlal Revashanker Bhatt, Hirachand Velji, Liladhar Pasoo Shah; Prabhuram Prabhakar Joshi; Jayantilal T. Patel; Nandlal Jethalal Jani; Devraj Ghelabhai; Vithal Parashram; Harihar Sharma; Jivraj Bhanji Shah; Gopinath Bhau Mali; Ratanshi Monshi Kenia.

Party To Retiring Asst. Engineer

SANTA CRUZ, Thursday.

A farewell party was arranged by friends and admirers from amongst the staff of the Bandra Municipality, to the retiring Assistant Engineer, Mr. P. B. F. Velloz, on Sunday last.

The function was attended by all the officers of the Municipality and Mr. B. B. Gimi, the Chief Officer, was voted to the Chair. Messrs. G. R. K. Ayangar and Mulay from the officers and Mr. Hardikar on behalf of the staff spoke eulogising the career of Mr. Velloz. The Chairman also followed suit. Mr. Dave then thanked the gathering and the function terminated with light refreshments.

Mrs. Laxmibai Abhyankar, a well-known Marathi writer and social worker, has been nominated by the Sangli Durbar to be the First Lady Member of the Sangli Municipality under the reformed Constitution.

"SOUL OF JAPAN"

Mr. Ralli Ram's Lecture

A lecture on "The soul of Japan", was delivered at the Lamington Road, Y.M.C.A., by Mr. B. L. Ralli Ram, General Secretary All-India Y.M.C.A., on Thursday evening.

After recounting his impressions of the manners and customs of the Japanese, the speaker referred to the "China incident". He did not expect that the Japanese morale would break down before the stubborn resistance of China. The high taxable capacity of the Japanese and their simple ways of living made a prolonged war possible. Also he did not see any signs of internal disruption in Japan. As regards the European war it looked unlikely that Japan would be involved in it, for it offered Japan a long-awaited opportunity to dump cheap Japanese goods on the world market.

Silver Jubilee Of Ahmedabad Electricity Company

The 27th ordinary general meeting of the Ahmedabad Electricity Co., Ltd., was held on Thursday evening at the registered office of the Managing Agents, Messrs. Killick Nixon & Co., Bombay, when Mr. R. C. Gibs presided.

To mark the Silver Jubilee of the Company special payment was granted, in addition to the final dividend as last year, of a bonus at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum free of Income-tax, on amounts called up. Further a grant of special "Silver Jubilee" bonus of one month's pay to the company's staff was made. The Board commemorated the occasion by appropriating to a special account a sum of Rs. 7,500 which will be utilised for the benefit of the Company's Recreation Club and for providing a building at Sabarmati.

Christening Of New Air Liner

The Christening ceremony of the New Air Liner belonging to the Air Services of India Ltd. will be performed by Her Highness, the Maharani Gulabhkunvarba Saheba of Nawanagar at 10 p.m. on Sunday (February 11), at Jamnagar Aerodrome, Jamnagar.

AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

JURY'S VERDICT ON BHAYA'S DEATH

The further hearing of the inquest on the body of Chandkasing Balwantsingh Bhaya (40) who was stated to have been slapped and kicked on January 28 in the Century Mill by the Folding Master, and died on January 29 in his room, was resumed today.

The jury agreed with the coroner and said they believed in doctor's statement and recorded a verdict of pneumonia left lung.

The coroner added that the cause of death had absolutely nothing to do with the alleged assault.

Dr. H. S. Mehta told the court that in the 'post mortem' examination he found "no sort violence either external or internal."

BARONET CHARGES RENT COLLECTOR

On a complaint lodged with the police by Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim Paczensky was arrested yesterday on a charge of criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 1,035.

The police, in applying for a remand of the accused to custody, stated that the accused, who was employed as a rent collector by the complainant, misappropriated Rs. 1,035 collected by him as rent.

The Magistrate directed the accused to be released on a bail of Rs. 500.

CYCLIST IN FATAL ACCIDENT

On a charge of knocking down a cyclist at Mahalaxmi yesterday, Gerald Arthur was placed before a Magistrate at the Mazagaon Court, to-day, and was ordered to be released on bail.

It was stated that the cyclist was going towards Mahalaxmi, when the accused came from his rear side and knocked him down, with the result that he sustained injuries all over his body.

He was removed to the K. E. M. Hospital where he died.

One Rosibai, daughter of John D'Souza, filed a complaint against one Ignatius Jasinto Nunis, a gilder in a printing press, for refusing to maintain an alleged illegitimate child.

The accused in his statement denies all knowledge of any connection with the girl.

The case is proceeding before Mr. K. C. Thakore, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar Court.

Case Under Abkari Act

Several bottles of whisky, brandy, wine and beer arranged in a gay and tempting manner were put in as exhibits to-day in the court of the Chief Presidency Magistrate when a case under the Abkari Act came up for hearing. These were seized by the police when they raided the flat of Clara alias Armeda, described as a European prostitute on January 10.

Clara stood charged with selling illicit liquor in a prohibited area. She was also charged with possessing liquor in excess of her permit. Gopal Dhondiram, the first accused's servant, who was also arrested during the raid, was charged with aiding and abetting in the commission of the offence.

The first accused pleaded guilty to the charge of possessing liquor in excess of her permit but pleaded not guilty to the charge of selling liquor. She told the Court that she gave the beer as a present to the customers.

Mr. Oliviera appeared for the first accused.

The case stands postponed.

Conviction Quashed In Appeal

(From Our Correspondent).

THANA, Feb. 8.

Mr. A. G. Wells, Sessions Judge, Thana, quashed in appeal the conviction and sentence of two weeks' R. I. and a fine of Rs. 30 passed by Mr. B. R. Mulay, First Class Magistrate, Murbad, against Sakharam Anaji Shinde for an alleged offence of theft (Sec. 379 I.P.C.)

The facts of the case as alleged were that the accused removed 6 bags of paddy belonging to the complainant without his consent and dishonestly. The accused's plea borne out by the evidence of the prosecution was that the complainant was his sub-lessee and the rent was agreed upon to be recovered by the accused from the grain harvested on his own threshing floor. The accused thus with the consent of the complainant took away his own legitimate rent as per agreement.

Mr. R. M. Chitnis, Assistant Public Prosecutor appeared for the crown while Mr. W. P. Oka, Advocate, appeared for the appellant.

RAJASTHAN SAHITYA MANDAL

New Society For Social Work In Rajputana

With a view to strengthen the forces working for the social, economical and national uplift in Rajputana and Central India, by publishing progressive literatures in Hindi in particular, and in other languages in general, a society called 'Rajasthan Sahitya Mandal' is registered in Bombay, under the Registration Act.

The management affairs of the Society is vested in a Board of Trustees among other which consist of Mr. Baba Narsingh Dass member of the A. I. C. C., Mr. Acharya Narendra Dev, Dr. K. M. Asraf and Mr. Jainarayan Vyas the General Secretary of the All India States' People's Conference.

It is understood that the Society is making arrangement to start a Hindi Weekly paper very shortly and also will devote attention to the publication of books, pamphlets, etc., to attain its objects.

Anjuman-i-Islam Girls' School

The exhibition of the work of the students of the Anjuman-i-Islam Girls' School was opened on Thursday evening. Prominent citizens including Mr. Bazlur Rahman, Dr. Latifi, Mr. Faiz B. Tyabjee, Dr. T. M. M. Kajeeji, and Mr. A. E. Maskati, visited the Exhibition.

The school which started in 1936 with two students has made rapid progress and has at present 155 girls on its rolls. The school has five standards and the sixth standard will be opened next June.

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PROHIBITION IN BOMBAY

The report of the Excise Department of Bombay for the year 1938-39 covers only the modest beginning of the prohibition movement in the province. But it shows that beginning to be an unqualified success. During the year complete prohibition was enforced in Bardoli Taluka, and Dry Area schemes were in force in Ahmedabad City and suburbs and in selected talukas in the districts of Broach, Ahmednagar and Kanara. In all these areas the prohibition measures adopted were remarkably successful. "The Bardoli scheme", says the report, "was prominently successful and difficulties encountered were soon surmounted." Regarding Ahmedabad City and suburbs the report states: "Valuable evidence is available of the results of the system in the improvement of the means of the Ahmedabad Mill workers; and in the raising of the standard of family comfort by savings effected from money which would otherwise have been spent on drink. The scheme has been of the greatest use as a preliminary to Prohibition by supplying evidence of the methods and organisation required for the introduction of Prohibition here and elsewhere, as the Department has been able to ascertain from the Ahmedabad results the proper methods of effective and economic control required in the other cases." Equally good results were noted in the rural Dry Areas in the three districts mentioned above. The success of all the prohibition measures can be fairly gauged from the fact that there was a general decrease in the consumption of all liquors except toddy. The consumption of country liquor and foreign liquor showing respectively a decline of 1.36 lakhs of proof gallons and 10,488 bulk gallons. The increase in the consumption of toddy of 1.8 lakhs of gallons is reported to be unreliable as it cannot be reconciled with the certain decrease in the number of toddy trees tapped.

Value Of Propaganda

It should be noted, however, that the general decrease in the consumption of liquor was due not merely to prohibition measures. It was also due to no small extent to the anti-drink propaganda carried on in various parts of the province. Of special interest is the propoganda started by the late Gulab Maharaj in West Khandesh among the Bhil community. Referring to this leader's work the report says: "He used to give an address every week on Monday night during what was called the "Arti Ceremony", laying special emphasis on the necessity to abstain from drinking liquor. Thousands of Bhils attended the "Arti Ceremony" and the results of the preaching of Gulab Maharaj were immediately felt, as is evidenced by the fact that the sales in Taloda, Nandurbar and Shahada Talukas dropped considerably. Gulab Maharaj died on 19th July, 1938. But the Bhil Seva Mandal of West Khandesh carried on successfully his teaching to abstain from drink. In order to assist the movement Government ordered the closure of all liquor shops in the Taloda Taluka." The report also points out hiw various Taluka Congress Committees and the Bhil Seva Mandals in the province also carried on general propaganda against drink. Such propaganda should be kept up wherever possible as a preliminary or supplementary aid to official prohibition measures or as a precaution against these measures being relaxed or unduly delayed.

Follow The Lead

The effect of prohibition measures and general anti-drink propaganda on the Exicse revenue during the year under review was a decrease of Rs. 31.62 lakhs. The decrease has been much more since then but the Congress Government rightly valued the beneficent effects of prohibition on the public far more than the revenue accruing from liquor. They had accordingly decided to proceed with their prohibition programme without any avoidable delay. It is much to be hoped that the present Government, too, will speed up the programme, guided by its effects on the people and not by considerations of revenue. The bold lead has already been given to them and it has been universally recognised as a beneficent lead. There can, therefore, be no excuse for the present Government to suspend the progress of the programme. In a matter like this they can fully rely on the whole-hearted support of the public.

Volunteers For Finland

It is not possible to believe all the reports of Russian reverses in Finland as the figures are obviously exaggerated. But that does not lessen our admiration for the consistently heroic resistance put up by the Finns. Once again the Russians, checked on land, have resorted to systemetic aerial bombardment of towns. Ten buildings in Kajana, including (it is reported) a hospital and a gaol, were bombed on Wednesday. The Finnish Air Force, however, is soon likely to be considerably strengthened when the war material from Britain is delivered to them.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Butler said that the Government were fully conscious of the urgency of Finland's need for assistance and assured the House that measures had already been taken to supply war material to Finland. He further stated that crews were available in Finland who were competent to fly any type of machines. Hence the necessity of sending crews with bombers and fighters did not arise. But in this connection it is interesting to note that British volunteers may soon be in Finland to give combat to Soviet bombers in the air.

A Finnish spokesman in London told Reuter that British subjects offering themselves as volunteers to fight for Finland were now being registered. He welcomed the fact that among them there were a number of pilots who might be particularly useful "as the Russian menace from air is becoming increasingly serious." It will be interesting to watch the activities of these volunteers. The last occasion on which British volunteers fought for a foreign cause was in Spain with Russians as their comrades-in-arm!

Threat To Neutrals

In a broadcast over the German wireless, Rear Admiral von Puetzow gave a new "warning" to the neutral countries. Indeed, the warning is more in the nature of an open threat. The Rear Admiral said: "Germany is watching with the closest attention what the neutrals will do to free themselves from Britain's blockade measures. The future will reveal how Germany will retaliate against these measures." The purpose of this blackmail is obvious: to frighten the neutrals into closer political and economic, if not military, collaboration with the Nazis in the war. What they do not seem to realize is that the German frightfulness as evidenced by the repeated attacks on neutral shipping is helping to harden public opinion in neutral countries against Germany and her rulers. Such Nazi threats are likely to bring the neutrals nearer to the Allies for protection against Nazi "retaliation" of which the Rear Admiral speaks.

Excess Profits Tax Bill

By Dr. M. S. NATARAJAN, M.A., Ph.D.,

There is no gainsaying the fact that the excess profit duty and similar measures are the recognised fiscal methods of raising income in times of war in all Western countries. The principal reasons for such a taxation in a Western country are firstly that the normal civil production and consumption should be curtailed and that the productive machinery should be transferred towards supplying the needs of the country arising out of the war conditions; and secondly to stave off all inflationery dangers that might arise out of the schemes for defence borrowing and to keep prices from soaring up. So far as India is concerned, the conditions that should exist for the imposition of such a duty are not in evidence. There cannot be and there ought not to be any curtailment of the normal civil consumption or industrial production. The industrialisation effected and the standard of living in the country are both sufficiently low enough. As regards the inflationery dangers, no problem has yet risen in the country which demands any great vigilance on the part of the Government. As the Government have also been trying to keep prices down by their schemes of price control, the menace of soaring prices need not unduly frighten us.

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It is also not quite clear as to what is exactly the objective of this tax. In the United Kingdom now as well as in former times when a similar duty was levied, it has been clearly stated that it was for finding the additional amount for conducting war. In India also when a similar duty was levied in 1918-19, it was stated that the levy was imposed to find means of paying £100,000,000 donation made on behalf of this country. In India there is no such necessity at present. Nor do the Government envisage such a necessity in the present bill. Nor is there any mention anywhere in the bill that the tax to be imposed is to ward off the dangers of inflation. In the statement of Objects and Reasons appended to the bill it is mentioned that the levy is to "secure for the government a considerable portion of the additional business profits which accrue as a result of the conditions prevailing during the war." If it is the intention of the Finance Member to levy a tax on the principle of taxation of surplus, then he should clearly say so and draft the bill in a different manner and not model it after the English excess profit tax.

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The framer of the Bill himself has admitted that the provisions follow closely those of the United Kingdom Finance (No. 2) Act of 1939. The slavish imitation of the British Act is bound to create anomalies and hardships in this country where peculiar conditions prevail. In the United Kingdom, excess profits are taxed but in India not only the excess profits are going to be taxed but even the normal increase in profits are going to be affected by the measure. If as mentioned in the statement of Objects and Reasons, the idea is to tax only abnormal profits arising out of the war conditions, there should be a clause making an allowance for the normal increase in profits—increase which would have taken place, war or no war. There is none in the measure contemplated. In our chief industries, especially those which have been started during the recent years, such as cement, sugar, etc., there has been an increase in profits mainly if not entirely owing to the normal expansion of the industries and it is but right that their normal progress should not be attributed to war conditions and assessed "Excess" profits. It should not be forgotten in this connection that in India we have what is styled as progressive economy quite dissimilar to British economy which for several years past as well as at present is a stagnant one. It is because of this that any servile imitation of British tax system is injurious to the growth of Indian economy in general and industries in particular.

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The economists and industrialists of the country saw a redeeming feature in the war because it would give a chance to India to recoup from their losses during the period of depression and to build up enough reserve funds to withstand the difficulties which are bound to face them as a result of the inexorable postwar slump. It was also eagerly expected that India would be able to proceed further in her industrialisation as a result of this war, just as she was given an impetus in the last war. All these hopes have been shattered and it is a moot point whether the important gaps in our present industrial structure would ever be filled up by new industries being established. It may be also mentioned that if the industrial enterprise is to be damped or weighted down by heavy taxation, it would not only be the industrialists that would suffer but also the entire economy of the country. It may be that excess profit tax falls directly on industrialists and others whose income rises but then the salary and wage-earners though not immediately affected by the tax are ultimately bound to feel its incidence as their prosperity is inextricably bound up with the prosperity of Indian industrialists.

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Almost the entire Indian opinion, is agreed that the Tax is too premature as Indian industries have not fully recovered from the slough of depression or at best had only an indifferent recovery before the war. Even the "Times of India" agrees, "That a 50 per cent tax on Excess Profit is unduly severe."

The President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry holds that no impartial observer of the situation in India would feel that there is any justification for the imposition of the excess profit duty. There is also a considerable section in the country which feels that the Government are trying to reap what they have not sown.

British Labour And India

WAR AND PEACE AIMS

LONDON, Feb. 8.

A declaration of policy made by the Labour Party Executive stresses the need of all British people, first and foremost, contributing their utmost to the effort to overthrow the Hitler system which it considers is essential to the achievement of Labour's principles. The Party is convinced that a Peace Treaty must provide Independence for the Polish and Czechoslovak peoples. The Austrians must be left freely to decide their own lot.

Whatever else may be contained in a Peace Treaty this will not be the last war in Europe, unless we succeed in reconciling the French claim to security with German claims to equality. If Britain is inattentive or impatient towards either of these claims she will already have incurred her share of responsibility for the next war.

The Labour Party urges a just peace toward Germany without humiliation or revenge.

It condemns the Soviet-German Pact on the eve of the war and the Soviet's unprovoked attack on Finland "in shameless imitation of the Nazi technique of foreign policy."

The declaration proposes as a part of peace arrangements the creation of a new Association of States whose collective authority must transcend the proper sphere of sovereign rights of separate States. This authority must control such military and economic power as will enable it to enforce peaceful behaviour between its members and secure all round reduction of armaments based on internal requirements. The membership of this Association should be open to all nations.

The interests of the native population in backward Colonies should be safeguarded through extensive strengthening of the Mandates system. There must be equal opportunity of access to raw materials and markets in the Colonies for all peaceful peoples. At the end of the war there must be a bold economic and financial planning on a worldwide scale. A comprehensive development of colonial territories, now divided between two or more colonial powers as in Africa, must be undertaken through an international authority with a budget and powers greater than the League of Nations ever had.

Br. Labour's Assurance To India

LONDON, February 8.

The Labour Party's declaration on war and peace aims though covering a comprehensive field was deliberately restricted to actual war problems. The inclusion of references to some other matters such as India was decided against on the ground that the inclusion would have been illogical in a document dealing with actual war problems. Inclusion of reference to India was carefully considered by the National Executive but was left out on this ground, Reuter learns.

Doctor Dalton, a member of the National Executive, stated to Reuter that this did not mean that Labour had in any way changed its attitude to India. On the contrary, when the National Executive considered the question of including a reference, it decided that instead in the near future, a further declaration should be issued setting our Labour's view on Indian policy.

Dr. Dalton added that he hoped that the future relationships between this country and India would be decided not at an International Peace Conference at the end of the present war, but as the result of friendly discussions between Britain and India. India had not been forgotten and Labour took back nothing it had said on this subject in the past.—Reuter.

TWO CONDITIONS

LONDON, February 8.

A meeting between the British and Scandinavian Church leaders is reported in a letter to "The Times" this morning from the Archbishop of York.

The Archbishop of York himself and prominent members of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches were invited to meet the Bishop of Oslo and Church leaders from Scandinavia to explain the spirit of Christian opinion in Britain towards the war. The British representatives were not official spokesmen.

These are some of the views expressed by them:—

They recognise as fellow members of one Church all Germans who believed in Christ.

Britain and France have no desire to destroy Germans.

As for the possibility of negotiations, they think negotiations could be started, only if two conditions were secured.

Firstly, the Czechs, Slovaks and the Poles must be recognised as independent nations and guarantees must be given to this effect. Secondly, final peace must be negotiated at a Congress including at least European nations with the Czechs, Poles and Slovaks as full partners.

They also declare that the British and French Governments were morally bound to enter the war.—Reuter.

Frankly Speaking

American Help For China And Finland

American public opinion has often manifested practical sympathy for China and in recent months, with Finland. Now it is gratifying to find that a bill which will permit additional loans of 20 million dollars to China and Finland respectively has been approved by the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate by 12 votes to six. The bill authorises an increase of 10 million dollars in the capital of the export and import bank to make these loans possible. The negotiations for the new loan to China, it appears, are already under way and the loan will be repaid in tin shipments. The terms on which a loan will be given to Finland are not yet disclosed but we believe that necessary facilities for repayment will be given to the Finnish Government. The Finns, it will be recalled, were the only people who regularly repaid the instalments on their war debt unlike many big Powers that defaulted.

Wrong Remedy

The Central Legislative Assembly did well to throw out summarily Mr. Lalchand Navalrai's Bill prescribing educational and moral qualifications for editors of newspapers and keepers of presses in India. Mr. Navalrai had certainly good reason to wish to improve the tone of several papers in the country. But a matriculation certificate and the negative merit of not having been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude are hardly qualifications that can ensure a better tone. There are lakhs of men with both these qualifications who can yet corrupt the press. Often enough the worst offenders are educated men who misuse their knowledge and are clever enough to escape legal penalties, either by sheltering themselves behind dummy editors or otherwise. What is essential is that the readers should be more discriminating in the choice of their papers.

Woman's Status In Hindu Law

The resolution of the Conference of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council, urging the Government of India to appoint a committee to suggest measures to remove the inequities of women under Hindu Law, is a modest one as it only asks for an investigation. There is no doubt that woman's status under Hindu Law, as at present interpreted, is extremely unsatisfactory in respect of marriage, divorce, guardianship and inheritance. And many Pandits say that there is ample support in ancient Hindu Law books, rational interpreted, for reform in all these respects. The Government of India can best institute an authoritative investigation and should no longer delay action in the matter.

Joint Electorates For Baroda

One important feature of the constitutional reforms in Baroda is that the Government have not accepted the suggestion of separate electorates or even reservation of seats for minorities, because, as the Maharaja's proclamation in that behalf points out, Government believe in the essential identity of interests of all classes in the State. By way of assuring the minorities, however, the number of nominated seats for non-officials has been increased from seven to 14, to provide for their representation in case the constituencies failed to send in their representatives. But even this concession is to be withdrawn, if the Government's hope is realised. The full text of the Reforms proclamation also brings out another feature. It is that the Baroda Government do not discriminate between rural and urban interests also and all the 37 general seats are distributed all over the State, except that the City of Baroda gets one seat for itself. The distinction between interests of labour on the one hand and capital and landholding on the other is, however, observed and these interests have been provided special representation. The Reforms, however, confer no very real powers in that they resemble only the Morley-Minto Reforms in British India. Even the one Minister who is to be appointed from among non-officials will be responsible to the Maharaja, so that there is not even diarchy of the Montague-Chelmsford scheme.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

The most tireless followers of fortune are a man's creditors.

Some people are chronic liars, but the dumb man always keeps his word.

Even a tight-rope walker may find it difficult to maintain a balance—at the bank.

Character is the inside decoration of man; reputation is the whitewash on the outside.

Quarrel about trifles if you really must. The less one has to quarrel about the better.

Occasionally a woman spends a lot of time looking for a husband after she gets him.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"Dr. Sir Zia-ud-Din Ahmed (M.A., Ph.D.) said that, like Plato who refused to allow anyone to enter his house who did not know geometry, Mr. Navalrai would allow no one who had not passed the matriculation examination. Mr. Navalrai seemed to have a high opinion of matriculates, but before the Calcutta University Commission representatives of the European Chambers of Commerce said they preferred a non-matriculate to a matriculate for employment. He (the speaker, who was a member of the Commission) was startled and asked why. He received the reply that a person who had not passed the matriculation had more common sense than one who had. According to many authorities, that applied to other examinations also."

—Assembly Report.

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His Highness the Aga Khan has arrived back in India.

There is no truth in the rumour, however, that Mr. Jinnah has offered him the Kingship of Pakistan!

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Now that thaw has set in on the Western Front, the opposing forces need not wait for the other side to break the ice.

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In the Union of South Africa, one gathers from the revelations made by General Smuts, Nazi agents flourish—but honest Indians have to be segregated and oppressed!

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"There is only one problem in the forefront", says Dr. Goebbels "and that is the problem how we shall win the war".

Minor problems like Goering must be shoved into the background, isn't it Herr Goebbels?

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At the rate at which the Finns and the 'Reds' are exterminating each other (according to their respective claims), soon only their ghosts will be left to fight out the issue!

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Sir Stafford Cripps is flying from Chungking to Sinkiang.

A socialist inspecting the outposts of the Empire!

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"To state that the Princes will have to join the National Assembly not as individuals but as duly elected representatives of their people is to ignore the facts of history."

—Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer.

If Sir C. P. remembers his history he ought to know that worse fate has befallen Princes and Kings who resisted the tide of constitutionalism.

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What Moral Rearmament Has Achieved

—Headline.

What immoral rearmament has destroyed!

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Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose had an interview with the Governor of Bengal.

Forward, the Forward Bloc!

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A million and a quarter workers in the engineering and shipbuilding industries in Britain will receive an increase of five shillings weekly as a result of the agreement between representatives of employers and unions.

Press report.

Indian employers, please ignore.

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"The Indian States are a historical facts.....", declares Bori Bunder.

Yes. And stranger than fiction!

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"Is not the time now ripe for Sir Samuel Hoare and M. Laval to get together and produce a pact giving half Finland to the U.S.S.R.?"

—Letter in "New Statesman And Nation".

Rubbing it in rather badly, isn't it?

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By Junior Colleague)

(1) Mount Pleasant Road, Malabar Hill, will have to be included in the Muslim League Pakistan or else——

(2) The Liberal Federation has made up its mind about the results of the Gandhi-Linlithgow talks but would keep it a secret till the opportune time.

Air Training For Indian Youth

Assembly Passes Raza Ali's Resolution

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

THE ASSEMBLY PASSED WITHOUT A DIVISION SIR RAZA ALI'S RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING EARLY STEPS TO STRENGTHEN THE AIR DEFENCE OF INDIA BY PROVIDING SUITABLE AIR TRAINING FOR THE INDIAN YOUTH AND ESTABLISHING AN AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, COMMENSURATE WITH THE SIZE, POPULATION AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTRY, TO BE MANNED BY INDIANS.

Mr. Ogilvie, Defence Secretary, accepted the mover's suggestion that Government should show th eir sympathy to the object of the resolution by remaining neutral, if there was a division.—A.P.

Ziauddin Withdraws His Resolution

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

In the Central Assembly to-day, after three hours' debate Dr. Sir Ziauddin Ahmed withdrew the resolution recommending to fix without delay, definite principles for the sale of food at railway stations and in running trains, in view of an assurance given by the Member for Communications that he would look into the matter, specially the question of monopoly in contracts.

The resolution also recommended that discussions on the subject in the Railway Advisory Committee and the continuous experiments by railway officials be terminated.—United Press.

JOINT COMMITTEE OF CENTRAL LEGISLATURE

NEW DELHI, February 8.

Lobby interest has been aroused by two resolutions tabled by Sardar Sant Singh, Secretary of the Congress Nationalist Party, for the next ballot. One of the resolutions recommends the appointment immediately of a Joint Committee of both the Houses of Central Legislature to draft a new constitution for the Government of India and the Provinces on the basis of full Dominion Status of the Westminster Statute variety with instructions to submit its report by May 15, 1940.

The second resolution asks for a similar Joint Committee "to examine the problem of minorities, to make recommendations for adjustment of their interests and suggest practical steps for its permanent solution, with instructions to submit its recommendations by April 15, 1940.

The "United Press" learns that both the resolutions have been admitted by the President.—United Press.

LOBBYING FOR TO-DAY'S DEBATE

Jinnah To Support Select Committee Motion

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

The Excess Profits Tax Bill has brought to Delhi representatives of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry from all parts of the country notably, Bombay and Calcutta. Considerable activity was noticed to-day in the lobbies in preparation for to-morrow's debate on Select Committee motion.

Sir H. P. Mody and Sir Cowasji Jehangir with Mr. D. G. Mulherkar, Secretary, Federation of the Indian Chambers, with Mr. A D. Shroff, Mr. Mangaldas Ghia and others have been interviewing party leaders. Late this evening, they met Mr. Jinnah whose party has decided to support Select Committee motion. Mr. M. S. Aney and his Congress Nationalist group would be the only party opposing the Bill.

Election Campaign In Canada

Premier On Magnitude Of War Effort: "War May Last Several Years"

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.

"It would be a miracle if the transformation of a peaceful country into a nation at war were not marked by some shortcomings, some unpreparedness, some shortage of supplies", declared Mr. Mackenzie King in his first general election campaign speech to-night. "But those are minor matters and sink into insignificance when placed in their appropriate prospective besides the true magnitude of our war effort."

PEOPLE'S MANDATE

Defending his decision to dissolve Parliament Mr. Mackenzie King pointed out that the Government has almost reached the end of its legal tenure of office and added that a spring offensive was expected overseas and if voting had been delayed till "the time when our men are facing all the horrors of concentrated warfare, I would have been told, and rightly so, that I am not fit to be the leader of the Government for allowing matters to drift that way."

Therefore I desired a mandate from the people to carry on through the war Mr. Mackenzie King emphasised that in the opinion of those best able to judge the war might continue for several years.

TWO ELECTION ISSUES

The Prime Minister declared that the two real issues of the election were the maintenance of national unity and the whole policy of Government in the prosecution of war. The second issue depended on the first and both rose superior to personalities.

Canada must plan for a long war and yet never lose sight of the fact that preparations must be made for the aftermath of war.

"Every thoughtful Canadian has before him the vision of a new and more just world in which humble men and women may be allowed freedom."

The Government must be ready to face unflinchingly the necessities of the war and with a sense of national unity and be prepared to face the problems of peace.

He concluded "The decision is yours. It is you yourselves who are not only masters of Parliament but, as never before, masters of your own fate."

NO CENSORSHIP.

The Censorship Committee in charge of radio has decided that political speeches broadcast in connection with the general election will not in future have to be submitted to the censor.—Reuter.

KINGSTON:—(Ontario) Mr. Rogers, Defence Minister, in an election campaign speech denied the allegations made by Dr. Manion that Canadian soldiers have been inadequately equipped. Speaking of the First Division Expeditionary Force he said "No contingent of soldiers have ever left Canadian shores with a better outfit in clothing and personal equipment".

Tweedesmuir's Condition

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.

It is stated that Lord Tweedesmuir spent a restless night. His condition gives rise to grave anxiety on account of increasing weakness.—Reuter.

Australian Air Scheme

SYDNEY, February 8.

Australia would be spending 25 million pounds during the next two-and-half years, on aircraft maintenance and construction in connection with the Empire Air scheme, Sir Frederick Steward, Supply Minister, announced at a press interview.

He said that 3,000 machines would be involved under the complete scheme, including one thousand big bombers, the majority of which are being lent by Britain.—Reuter.

EGYPTIAN FUND FOR BRITISH TROOPS

CAIRO, February 8.

Egypt has inaugurated a fund for the benefit of British troops in Egypt and for a British charity organisation for the welfare of women and children. This was revealed by Amin Osman Pasha, Under-Secretary of Finance, in his speech at a dinner last night.

Proposing the toast of England and Egypt, Amin Osman Pasha declared that Egypt now had perfect trust in England.

Sir Miles Lampson replied.—Reuter.

CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT

(Continued from page 1.)

huge air fleet in a vain endeavour to shake their spirit by burning the homes of the poor, shattering with high explosives hospitals full of wounded men and pursuing defenceless citizens with machine-guns. (Cheers). The success which had hitherto attended Finnish arms had evoked the admiration of world and "we rejoice to think that the help given from this country has been of real value to Finland. Further aid is now on its way". (Loud cheers).

BALKAN "ENTENTE"

Mr. Chamberlain referring to the Balkan 'Entente' Conference and the decision to renew the 'Entente' for seven years said: "This announcement indicates the determination of the Governments of these countries to do everything in their power to maintain the stability and security of South-East Europe. The decision is most welcome especially if other States in South-East Europe have this important object equally at heart. His Majesty's Government warmly sympathise with these efforts which they sincerely hope may be attended with success".

Referring to the financial discussions with Greek authorities, Mr. Chamberlain said that satisfactory agreements had been reached on a number of financial and economic questions which were in the mutual interest of the two Governments. These included a settlement regarding service of Greek external debt for the duration of the war negotiated between the Greek Minister of Finance and the Conucil of Foreign Bond-holders and the League Loans Committee.

ON WESTERN FRONT

Continuing Mr. Chamberlain said that there was no change in the military situation on the Western Front. In the air winter conditions had exposed men and material to the sternest test of their adequacy. The strain on the Royal Air Force had been severe, but it had been borne without flinching. (Cheers).

Mr. Chamberlain then referred to the U-boat which was sunk when trying to attack a convoy and the three Nazi 'planes shot down on February 4 and added: "We know that at least one other was so badly damaged that it was probably unable to reach its base. The extent of successes claimed by Germany for this method of attack bears no relation to facts." He continued:—

NAZIS AND TRUTH

"Bombing of unarmed merchant ships and fishing boats from the air followed by machinegunning of the crews at elevations which make it quite clear that there could be no doubt as to their identity are now all too familiar. The German wireless statement on January 31 that "a British naval patrol vessel "East Dudgeon" was sunk by German aircraft" is a falsification intended to cover up from the world a deliberate and savage attack on a lightship. We have always shared with other civilised nations (cheers) the view that lightships, because of the nature of their services are outside the scope of hostilities. In the case of British lightships they are not even utilised to report the presence of enemy craft in their vicinity". He added:—

NOT WAR, BUT MURDER

"Killing fishermen, merchant seamen and lightship crews is not war, but murder (Cheers). Such acts of pure gangsterism can have little, if any practical effect, on the outcome of the war. The horror and disgust they excite in the minds of all decent peoples only makes us more resolved to carry on the struggle until civilisation is purged of such wickedness". (Cheers).

In conclusion Mr. Chamberlain spoke of the magnitude of the efforts made by factories and workshops to supply materials needed by the rapidly expanding fighting services. No one studying the figures could doubt the determination of the British Empire to throw its resources into its fight against the rule of aggression. "We cannot tell how long the fight may last or what stern trials may yet await us, but we have no reason to be dissatisfied with the opening phases of the war and we face the future with calm determination and unshaken confidence."—Reuter.

CUTTACK, February 7.

Mr. Jadumoni Mangaraj, ex-Parliamentary Secretary, was defeated in the election of delegates to Ramgarh session of the Congress from the Patamundai

Swedish Ship Sunk In Blockade Area

STOCKHOLM, February 8.

Sweden will probably not make an official protest to Russia about the bombing of the "Wirgo".

It now appears that the bombing did not occur, as originally reported, in the neutral Aaland Island Zone, but in the Turku Archipelago which is part of the zone where Russia had declared a blockade.

An earlier cable states:—

Strong support for the proposal that Oslo Powers should make a united protest against belligerent treatment of neutral shipping is given by the "Tidningen" in a leader commenting on the sinking of the "Wirgo".

The "Tidningen" declares: "In their attempt to institute a blockade of Finland, the Russians are using methods comparable with their war habits".

The paper adds: "If united action cannot be achieved without delay, the Swedish Government should act on its own and adds that the neutrality of the Aaland Islands, near which the "Wirgo" was bombed, is vital to Swedish security".—Reuter.

REPLY TO NAZI THREAT

COPENHAGEN: The Government newspaper "Social Demokraten" replies to the Nazi warning against neutral ships voyaging off the English coasts. It particularly refers to allegations about neutral shipping appearing in the "Angriff" and says:

"What Denmark wishes is only to live in peace. What we ask for, and even claim under signed Treaties and acknowledged international rules of right, is only to be allowed to carry on economically and politically to as great an extent as possible.

When the "Angriff" frankly states that he who perishes while sailing near England must himself take the responsibility. That is a sentence which is contrary to international rights and international agreement.

NEUTRALS' RIGHT

On account of this method of war, Denmark has lost a number of ships, including some of her best vessels, with a loss of about 200 lives.

An English politician in a recent speech said that England had not sunk any neutral ships. The same cannot be said for the counter-party.

For us in Denmark it is completely incomprehensible that Germany is sinking our ships without warning, and even ships in ballast are victims and the crews are not given a chance to save themselves. The Neutrals are keeping up their trade as hitherto. They have a right to do it and that right ought to be frankly acknowledged".—Reuter.

A new "warning" to neutrals was given in a broadcast by Rear Admiral von Puetzow over the German wireless.

He said that "Germany is watching with the closest attention what the neutrals will do to free themselves from Britain's blockade measures.

"Future will reveal how Germany will retaliate against these measures", he concluded.—Reuter.

NAVAL LOSSES

LONDON:—In answer to German claims, 'Reuter' is authoritatively informed that Allied and Neutral merchant ships sunk by German naval action since the war began total 274 up to the midnight of February 4. Britain has lost 143, Allies 14 and Neutrals 117. The Germans officially claim a total of 409.

The total Allied and Neutral tonnage which Germany claims to have sunk since the beginning of the war to the end of January is 14,93,431.

'Reuter' is authoritatively informed that up to the midnight of February 4, the total tonnage of Neutral and Allied shipping lost since the start of the war was 9,25,014.—Reuter.

Br. Steamer Strikes Mine And Sinks

LONDON, February 8.

It is officially stated that the "Munster" sank by striking an enemy mine.—Reuter's Special.

GERMANY LOSES 42 MERCHANT SHIPS

LONDON, Feb. 8.

According to the figures given by the German High Command in a broadcast, Germany has lost 42 merchant ships from the beginning of the war upto January 31.

Following are details of these ships:—

"Seized by enemy in enemy ports" at the outbreak of war 13,196 tons; captured "by enemy" 82,236 tons; scuttled by their own crews 1,41,525 tons.—Reuter.

HUGE SOVIET LOSSES

Hundreds Of Aeroplanes, Machine-guns & Tanks Damaged

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 8.

The war material lost by the Russians since the outbreak of the Finnish war includes 308 aeroplanes and 568 tanks according to reliable information reaching here.

Among other Russian losses are stated to be 1,560 horses, 20 tractors, 294 machine-guns and 235 automatic pistols.—Reuter.

HUNT FOR SOVIET PARACHUTE TROOPS

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 8.

Finnish patrols are combing the territory between Rovaniemi and the Gulf of Bothnia for Soviet parachute troops, believed to be still at large.

About 60 of these troops were dropped and not all have been rounded up. They are dressed in Finnish uniform and their equipment includes apparatus for tapping Finnish telephone lines.

The "Svenska Dagbladet" reports that a Finnish patrol has returned to its northern headquarters after penetrating the Russian lines as far as the Whitesea, bringing back valuable information. The Finns are now engaged in strengthening their positions in Summa on the Karelian Isthums where the Russians are believed to have dented the front-line bringing them within 20 miles of Vipurii.—Reuter.

600 "RED" TANKS DESTROYED

HELSINKI, Feb. 8.

Nearly one-fifth of Russia's great armada of tanks on the Finnish front has been destroyed according to estimates here.

The number destroyed is said to be 600.

The failure of the Russian tanks is one of the chief features of the present offensive against the Mannerheim Line. The Russian losses in the battle of Summa are now estimated at 5,000 and Finnish losses probably are not one-fifth of this figure.—Reuter.

Red Cross Hospital And Jail Bombed

HELSINKI, Feb. 8.

TEN BUILDINGS IN KAJANA ARE STILL BLAZING TO-NIGHT AFTER THE SOVIET AIR RAID YESTERDAY. AMONG THE BUILDINGS BOMBED WERE THE GAOL CONTAINING A NUMBER OF RUSSIAN PRISONERS AND A HOSPITAL MARKED WITH THE RED CROSS.—REUTER.

British Volunteers For Finland

LONDON, Feb. 7.

A Finnish spokesman in London told Reuter that British subjects offering as volunteers to fight for Finland are being registered.

There are a number of air pilots among the volunteers who, he said, might be particularly useful as the Russian menace from air is becoming increasingly serious.

Not a single Finnish town escaped Russian bombing. During the week-ending February 3 they bombed the country systematically concentrating in the north during the first few days and south-west in the second half of the week.

In reply the Finns bombed Russian units and supply services, this being the most they could manage with the small number of aircraft at present available.—Reuter.

British Minister To Finland

LONDON, Feb. 8.

Mr. George Gordon Vereker, the British Minister-designate to Lapaz has been appointed Minister to Finland. This news recalls the fact that Mr. Vereker, who is an ex-councillor of the British Embassy in Moscow was captured by the Germans in December and detained for weeks.

The Paris radio has learned that an important industrial plant at Lubeck has been burned down. The cause is unknown.—Reuter.

26 KILLED IN EXPLOSION

BRUSSELS, February 8.

Twenty-six were killed in a fire-damp explosion in the colliery at Marchienne Au Pont.—Reuter.

WAR ALLOWANCE DISPUTE SURPRISE

Dange Walks Out Of Conciliation Board Meeting: Nimbkar Presents Labour Case

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Board of Conciliation appointed by the Government of Bombay under the Industrial Disputes Act to settle the dispute between millowners and workers regarding the labour demand for war allowance, commenced its work at the Council Hall to-day. Sir S. S. Rangnekar presided.

Efforts which were put in before the commencement of the Board's regular proceedings to settle the dispute by holding an informal discussion between representatives of millowners, employees and members of the Conciliation Board, proved futile. The Board thereafter commenced its proceedings in public.

The burden of the representation made on behalf of labour was that the existing scales of wages for workers were totally inadequate for "maintaining their pre-war standard of living".

FOR 40 p.c. ALLOWANCE

According to a notice of change served under section 28(2) of the Bombay Industrial Disputes Act by representatives of the employees of the New China Mill which is one of the parties to the dispute, the following points were demanded:—

(1) That according to the resolutions of the Mahagai Conference and the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union, a war allowance of 40 per cent. should be given to workers with effect from December 1939.

(2) That the wage-cut still remaining to be restored should be cancelled by an increment in wages.

(3) That the Bombay Girni Kamgar Union and its mill committees should be given recognition by the millowners.

After considering the views put forward by the representatives of labour and the millowners as also by the Government Labour Officer regarding the latter two demands, the Board of Conciliation held that it was inexpedient to consider the question concerning wage-cut as the same was before the Textile Labour Enquiry Committee and that the question of recognition of the Girni Kamgar Union was irrelevant. The Board therefore was of opinion that its enquiry should be confined only to the demand concerning war allowance.

NIMBKAR'S PLEA

Representing the case of Labour at the open proceedings, Mr. R. S. Nimbkar said that he was prepared to modify the workers' demand for 40 per cent. war allowance. He would accept 25 per cent. according to the calculations of labour representatives, the increase in the cost of living of workers due to war was in the neighbourhood of 20 per cent. Mr. Nimbkar said that he would bring forward evidence later to prove his case. He challenged the Labour Office figures which stipulated that the increase in the cost of living was about 7 1|2 per cent.

Mr. Nimbkar asked for time till to-morrow to present his case.

Mr. Maloney, Secretary of the Millowners' Association expressed surprise at this stage that Mr. Nimbkar was not ready with his case to-day though the demand regarding war allowance had been put forward as early as December. This, said Mr. Maloney, seemed to show that labour representatives were not serious.

Mr. S. A. Dange who took exception to this remark questioned if the Millowners themselves were serious about giving allowance.

The Chairman of the Board observed that this interruption on the part of Mr. Dange was uncalled-for.

NO ASPERSION

Mr. Dange said that the aspersions cast by Mr. Maloney on labour representatives were unjustified to which Sir Sajba replied that there was no aspersion cast and that the Board would not like to be interrupted.

Mr. Dange:—"As a party to the dispute I have a right...."

Sir Sajba observed that Mr. Nimbkar represented the case on behalf of Labour and Mr. Dange had no "locus standi".

Mr. Dange:—"I am the General Secretary of the Girni Kamgar Union and I have "locus standi".

Sir Sajba repeated that Mr. Nimbkar represented the case on behalf of Labour and that interruptions from others were uncalled-for.

With an abrupt "Excuse me", Mr. Dange walked out of the room at this stage followed by workers of the China Mill.

The Millowners' Association was represented by Mr. T. V. Baddeley, Chairman, Mr. T. Maloney, Secretary, and Mr. R. G. Gokhale, Labour Officer. The workers were represented by Mr. M. P. La-Bouchardiere, Government Labour Officer, Mr. R. S. Nimbkar, the nominee of the Girni Kamgar Union (Red Flag) and the Negotiations Committee of the Council of Action appointed by the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress, and Mr. G. D. Ambekar of the Kamgar Seva Sangh.

The Board adjourned till to-morrow.

LESSON FOR COMMUNISTS

"Guardian" On Jawahar's Views About Russian Invasion Of Finland

LONDON, Feb. 8.

The "Manchester Guardian" in a leader says that it is hoped that some Communists here and elsewhere will read what Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has to say about the Russian invasion of Finland. Communism in this phase must make itself odious to working class national for the instinct of justice and hatred of oppression of small people are deep in working class imagination.—Reuter.

WAR AND INDIAN INDUSTRIES

(Continued from page 1.)

Bank had been purchasing gold for foreign buyers. Such gold ought to be purchased on Indian account and added to the reserves. The question of releasing greater credit by the issue of Currency Notes against the revaluation of the gold in the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank should be seriously considered by the authorities.

Public opinion was wholly opposed to price control measures calculated to give, without acknowledgement, Indian material to the Allies at cheap prices. Relief to persons with fixed wages and salary by way of an allowance was essential, but relief measures should not be mixed up with price control restrictions on exports, for they had already the effect of bringing down the prices. The proposed heavy direct tax would also depress prices.

Mr. Manu Subedar disagreed with the plea of the Finance Member that only 5,000 persons would be affected by the Excess Profits Tax measure. Shareholding in large corporations ran into several thousands each and the cumulative effect of the tax would be felt by all classes. Diversion of large sums to unproductive Government Finance would deplete the capital available for trade. What was subnormal was sought to be put down as the standard profits and the rate of levy was unduly high.

"INNOCENT MEN HANGED"

Dublin's Protest: Amusement Houses Closed: Sports Fixtures Cancelled

LONDON, Feb. 7.

Eire mourned to-day the execution of Barnes and Richards.

Sports fixtures were cancelled, and cinemas and theatres remained closed. News of the executions was received in Dublin with a feeling of deep disappointment, and there was an air of tenseness about the city.

The Dublin Committee for the Reprieve issued a statement saying "England has shown that she cares nothing for the goodwill of Ireland."

To-day Ireland mourns, but Ireland knows that memory can best be served by working to achieve the ideals for which they died".

Thousands of citizens of Cork gathered last night to pray for the repose of the souls of Barnes and Richards

POLICE PRECAUTIONS

Richards and Barnes, both Irishmen, who were sentenced to death following the I. R. A bomb outrage at Coventry, were executed at 9 a.m. to-day at Birmingham Prison.

Lord Willingdon Leaves For Australia

LONDON, February 8.

Lord and Lady Willingdon who represented the United Kingdom Government at New Zealand Centenary Celebration left Auckland to-day for Australia.—Reuter.

Corporator Threatens No-Rent Campaign

The Half-Column By "Dim"

To-day is the opening of the big Olympic games. Already the athletes were to be seen rehearsing the march past, their right hand extended in the customary Olympic manner. I am beginning to think this should be altered, as it is so obviously near the Hitler salute that it is resented by those who give the salute and those who watch it being given.

Someone told me that "Vogue" (the American edition) goes right into the American home. Well, all I can say is that the standard of living of the American woman is high. Out in India the poor peasant woman hardly spends on her dress what an American woman spends on her "Vogue" subscription.

One Muslim League is a Qaid-e-Azam,
Two Muslim Leaguers would become Secretary and Treasurer,
Three make a quorum
And four constitute the brains of the whole party.

Looking at the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Excess Profit Tax, it is almost certain they will arrive at a compromise.

"Love Everlasting" at the Pathe. The sort of love that exists between Adolf Hitler and Neville Chamberlain.

Slum clearance is to begin in Bombay. Let us start with Malabar Hill and clean up all the Venuses that loiter in unkempt gardens.

There is going to be a General Strike in Ahmedabad. The workers want Dominic to win.

Either the Finns are doing good work in Helsinki or good propaganda. They make the Reds go pink under the gills.

NIZAM'S COUNCIL IN SESSION

(From Our Correspondent)
(HYDERABAD (Dn.), Feb. 7.

For the first time in the annals of the Hyderabad Legislature the old fashion of sitting for an hour or two once or twice in the year has been discarded and the Council in session since yesterday will conclude its deliberations to-morrow evening.

Hon. Syed Abdul Aziz who has been appointed Law Member to the Nizam's Government presided. Many important Bills came up for discussion including Maternity Benefits Bill, Land Mortgage Banks Bill, Land Alienation and Debt Conciliation as also Money-Lenders Bills.

Child Marriages Restraint Bill affecting Hindu community in the State has been referred back to the Select Committee for eliciting public opinion.

Six No-Confidence Motions Against Sind Ministry

KARACHI, February 8.

Notice of six motions of no-confidence, one for each of the four Ministers and two against the Ministry collectively, was given by Mr. Doulatram Mohandas, a member of the Hindu Independent Party in the Sind Legislative Assembly. This is a sequel to the understanding between the Congress and the Hindu Independent Parties.

According to the rules, the Speaker will take up the motions after one week from today and fix the day subsequently for discussion thereon.—United Press.

But City Fathers Adjourn Consideration Of Move To Reduce Rents Of Municipal Chawls

COMMISSIONER'S PLEA FOR LEGISLATION FOR SLUM CLEARANCE

Powers to declare "clearance areas" and "development areas" either by agreement or by means of a "compulsory purchase order" with a view to facilitating slum clearance in the city have been asked by the Municipal Commissioner, Bombay.

When the Corporation's approval was sought on the subject, on Thursday, decision was deferred, as some of the members had not gone through the Commissioner's proposals. Discussion and decision were, therefore, postponed. Mr. B. N. Karanjia, the Mayor, was in the chair.

No decision was arrived at on another proposal of a member of the Corporation, seeking reduction of rents in the Municipal and Trust Chawls.

DEMAND FOR REDUCTION IN RENTS

Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar moved:—"That the Corporation are of opinion that in view of the fact that prices of food-stuffs and other necessities of life have gone up by more than 30 per cent. thus making it impossible for the poor people living in Municipal chawls to make a living, due to conditions of War, a reduction of 50 per cent should be made in the amount of rent charged to those who are occupying Municipal and Trust Chawls.

"That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Standing Committee and the Commissioner for information and necessary action."

In moving the proposition, Mr. Deorukhkar observed that the proposal was in the interests of the poor and was justified under the present circumstances. If the proposal was not carried, he would carry on a raging and tearing no-rent campaign among the residents of Municipal chawls and he was prepared to face all the consequences.

Mr. S. M. A. Darvesh seconded the proposal.

Mr. B. H. Maheshwari pointed out that the financial strain to be borne out at present by the Bombay Municipal Corporation was great. He stated that the Municipality had to incur at present a loss of about Rs. 8 lakhs, by way of debt charges. If Mr. Deorukhkar's proposal was accepted, an additional loss of Rs. 8 lakhs would have to be defrayed. Where was the money to be got from, he asked.

TALPADE'S AMENDMENT

Mr. M. N. Talpade moved an amendment to the effect that the subject matter of the proposal be referred to the Standing Committee for report. He stated that it could not be denied by anyone that a certain proportion of reduction was necessary. Therefore, he did not think that any one would object to his amendment, as the Standing Committee could be trusted to consider the question in all its bearings.

Mr. M. N. Rajab seconded the amendment.

Mr. E. R. Hirjibehedin opposed the proposition.

Mr. R. S. Nimbkar thought that if the proposal was accepted, he was sure that the middlemen would seize the opportunity and make profits, while the Corporation might lose, without any relief being given to the tenants. He seconded Mr. Talpade's amendment.

At this stage further consideration on the subject was adjourned.

Commissioner's Slum Clearance Proposal

Mr. Sunderdas Morarji, Chairman of the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee moved that the Municipal Commissioner's proposals made in his letter with a view to facilitating the removal of slums in the Bombay City, be approved and that the Commissioner be requested to report to the Government accordingly.

The Municipal Commissioner in the course of a letter explained the scheme as follows:—

WANTED LEGISLATION

"I have carefully considered the suggestions made by the Rent Inquiry Committee and am personally of the opinion that instead of proceeding with the amendments already proposed, it would be desirable to amend the Municipal Act radically on the lines of the English Housing Act of 1936 with a view to carrying out our slum clearance and housing programme more expeditiously and economically.

The principal features of this Act are the powers given to local authorities to declare 'clearance areas' and 're-development areas' and to appropriate land belonging to them or to secure the same either by agreement or by means of a 'compulsory purchase order' for the erection of houses for the working classes without the formulation of a scheme.

OBJECT OF DRAFT BILL.

"The object of the Draft Bill now before Government is to secure for the Corporation powers similar to those contained in the English Housing Act of 1936. Of these, the most urgently necessary, are in my opinion as under:—

(1) Declaring of unhealthy areas (slums) as 'Clearance Areas' and effecting their clearance by passing either 'Clearance Orders' or 'Compulsory Purchase Orders' as may be deemed fit. This is the method which has mostly been availed of in England for clearing slum areas, as it is simple, expeditious and economical.

(2) Issuing 'Compulsory Repairs or Improvement Orders' for individual unfit houses which can be repaired, improved and rendered fit at a reasonable expense. This would improve a lot of individual insanitary houses without the Municipality incurring any expenditure.

(3) Framing and enforcing of bye-laws in respect of existing houses occupied by the poorer classes.

(4) Declaring of 'Re-development Areas' in cases of congested, badly developed and overcrowded areas.

(5) Securing land including any houses thereon as a site for housing without any formal scheme, only by means of a 'Compulsory Purchase Order.'

(6) Appropriating outright any Municipal land for housing without any formal scheme.

"Further, I consider that it is necessary to alter the provisions in the Municipal Act in respect of compensation so as to dispense entirely with the payment of additional compensation on account of compulsory acquisition for the purpose of slum clearance and housing, as has been done in England since 1919.

It would also be desirable to secure powers for the Municipality to acquire only portions of buildings wherever feasible and to recover betterment charges in the case of properties whose values may be enhanced as a result of the improvements carried out.

Mr. N. C. Bharucha moved an amendment that the consideration of the subject might be postponed.

The amendment was accepted by the House.

M. N. ROY IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, February 8.

Mr. M. N. Roy arrived in Calcutta by the Punjab Mail today. Mr. Roy will be staying in Bengal for about a month, in the course of which he will tour the interior districts.—United Press.

His Highness the Aga Khan accompanied by his leading followers at Hasanabad. The Aga Khan arrived in Bombay yesterday morning.

HICKS EXPECTS LEAD FROM INDIA

Says, Moral Re-Armament Is A National Necessity

Mr. Roger Hicks, of the Moral Re-Armament Movement has issued the following statement:

President Roosevelt has said that there is no problem, political, social or economic which would not melt before the fire of a spiritual awakening. It is this which makes Moral Re-Armament a national necessity, for it creates a moral and spiritual climate where every party, class and creed can work together.

The Premier of South Australia writes: "The Australian people are essentially Democratic and I know of nothing that would strengthen Democracy more than a general acceptance of the principles of Moral Re-Armament. The fact that the Manifesto on Moral Re-Armament to America was subscribed to in South Australia by the leaders of both political parties shows that here we have a common meeting ground where party political differences do not matter."

It is because I myself have seen this spirit at work in twenty countries transforming men and social conditions that I am convinced that here is God's answer to a needy world. Here is that spiritual dynamic which will change human nature and remake men and nations. There must come a spiritual authority which will be accepted everywhere, by everyone. Only so will order come out of chaos in national and international affairs.

Nations mobilised to listen to God! In the West, vast armies are mobilised to-day. Here is a vaster army, mobilising and moving irresistibly to eventual victory! It has an immediate plan of campaign, to break in individuals and nations the vicious circle of frustration and defeat, and recreate a world on sure foundations of honesty, purity, unselfishness and love.

If this miracles is to come into the world some nation must give the lead. Will it come from the East, will it come from India with her great and rich heritage, with her age-long caring for the things of the spirit? Out of the inner discipline and true freedom which comes to all who listen to God and obey will emerge new nations, empowered and strengthened with a transforming and creative message for the world.

Mr. Roger Hicks, of the Moral Re-Armament Movement, who arrived in Bombay by the Italian boat on Thursday. He is to travel all over India in connection with the movement.

Jodhpur On Frontier R.A.F. Inspection Of

PESHAWAR, February 8

His Highness the Maharaja of Jodhpur arrived at the R.A.F. aerodrome at Peshawar at 10 this morning in his "Hockheed" two-engined monoplane. His Highness who occupies the rank of Air Commodore was in R.A.F. uniform. His visit is understood to be in connection with R.A.F. inspection work in the Frontier. He will leave the Frontier towards the end of this month.

Air manoeuvres took place in the morning for about 80 minutes in honour of the Maharaja when high Military and Civil Officers were present at the aerodrome, to watch the demonstrations.

His Excellency Sir George Cunningham was also present, and met the Maharaja.

Nine Audex machines took part in the manoeuvres, the most interesting of which was an attack from the air on the "German Poolbox behind the Siegfried Line" represented by the card-board castle set in the centre of the aerodrome. Each aircraft dived at a tremendous speed as it attacked the German castle with practice bombs which burst into flames to the excitement of the visitors. Other items in the manoeuvres included the dropping of ammunitions on troops.

The last item was a detailed demonstration of an attack used in the North-West Frontier. Scries of bombs bursting into smoke were dropped on "snipers" by aircrafts while helping the threatened Military Pickets to withdraw for safety.—United Press.

"If I Were A Third Class Passenger"

Jawahar Indicts Callous Treatment Of Pilgrims By Railway Authorities

(From Our Corresponednt.)
ALLAHABAD, February 8.

Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru who travelled from Lucknow to Allahabad during the rush of pilgrims to Magh Mela here felt righteous indignation at the overcrowding in trains at Lucknow.

In a statement to the Press, Pt. Nehru says:—

"The treatment of third class passengers by the railway authorities in India is a long standing scandal, but to see trains packed with human beings in such a way that it is difficult to move or even to breathe properly is shocking in the extreme.

A third class compartment meant for twenty closely seated together, contained forty or more people, bulging out of windows.

"On the platform, thousands of people waited in the cold without even covering, and yet the railway authorities calmly looked on and said that they might arrange a special train in the course of the night.

"If I were a third class passenger in this train, I would go on pulling the chain and prevent it moving till proper arrangements are made. It is scandalous in the extreme that human beings should be treated worse than cattle, and it is these human beings from whom revenue for the railways comes and not from the upper class passengers."

RUTLAM DEPUTATION TO MEET JAWAHAR

BOMBAY, February 8.

A deputation of the Rutlam Prajamandal workers arrived in Bombay to acquaint Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, President of the All-India States' People's Conference, (who is coming here tomorrow morning) and the members of the Standing Committee of the All-India States' People's Conference, with the present political situation in Rutlam, in view of the arrest of the General Secretary of the Prajamandal and a number of other Prajamandal workers.

Mr. Kanhaiyalal D. Vaidya and other members from the Central India, Punjab and Rajputana States have already arrived to-day and others are expected by tomorrow morning to attend the meeting of the Standing Committee.—United Press.

Bengal Plea To Congress President

CALCUTTA, February 8.

A representation to the Congress President has been sent by several members of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee, including Mr. Harikumar Chakrabarty, Mr. Sudhin Pramanik, Mr. Jiban Chatterjee and others, urging postponement of the date of presidential election to enable the Bengal delegates to exercise their right of franchise in the election of the President of the Ramgarh Congress, as the election of Bengal delegates would not be completed by February 15.—United Press.

BOMBAY GOVT. GAZETTE

Mr. K. R. Gadgil, L.T.M., is appointed to be Inspector under the Payment of Wages Act, 1936, with effect from the 1st December 1939.

Mr. S. S. Bhathena Personal Assistant to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and Director of Rural Development, is appointed to be Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies and Rural Development Officer, Dhulia, vice Mr. R. S. Patil, transferred.

Mr. U. S. Kalvani, on relief, will officiate as Personal Assistant to the Collector of Bombay and Bombay Suburban District, vice Mr. M. R. Reuben.

Mr. S. G. Barve, I.C.S., will officiate as Under Secretary to Government, Home Department, vice Mr. D. S. Joshi, I.C.S., transferred, pending further orders.

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MUTT AND JEFF—You Can Get as Bad a Job at Some Barber Shops at That — By BUD FISHER

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COULD BE THAT MAYBE BY HOW YOU NEED A LITTLE HAIRCUT, YES?
FOR TWO-BITS I'LL DO IT FOR YOU, MUTT! I'VE BEEN STUDYING AT THE BARBER SCHOOL, YOU KNOW!
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN DO IT?
DIDN'T I TRIM HEDGES FOR THE NEIGHBORS LAST YEAR?
NOT BAD! SOME BARBERS COULDN'T DO BETTER! NOW TRY ON YOUR HAT, MUTT!
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Indian Olympic Council Meet

Patiala's Appeal For Unity, Effort And Co-ordination

The General Council of the India Olympic Association met at Patiala Nagar on Thursday with His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala in the Chair. His Highness addressing the Council impressed upon the Council that he was not going to be dumb President. He wanted active co-operation to make the Olympic Movement a live affair. He pleaded for energy, co-ordination of effort and above all unity through the shedding of all secretarian feelings. The Olympic body must be one happy family working for the good of India.

The following were present at the General Council:—

H. H. Shree 108 Maharajadhiraja Yadvindar Singh Mohindur of Patiala, Mr. J. C. Maltra (Bombay), Mr. P. Gupta I.H.F., S. K. Mukerji, Bombay, Mr. P. Gupta I.H.F. Mr. A. C. Chatterji, M. Sultan, U.P., S. Nawab Hussain, U.P., B. D. Chatterji, and N. Ahmed, Bengal. S. A. Das, Mysore. S. V. Shevadi and B. V. Gaekwad, Baroda. T. N. Kabadi and J. L. Mitra. I.W.L.F. S. Dayal and M. S. Dupia, Delhi. L. R. Sethi, Punjab. B. L. Raliaram, Hon. Treasurer, I.O.A. Rai Sahib Sardar Kripa Narain, Patiala. N. A. Nadvi and S. M. Moinul Haq, Bihar.

The usual business of the Council was conducted and the Councillors for 1940-42 were elected all the sitting members of the Council were re-elected.

The Council resolved that Tenth Indian Olympic Games be held in February 1942 at Patiala.

The suggestion of the Indian Hockey Federation to open an Olympic Museum for Olympic souvenirs and trophies was considered and a scheme has been asked for in this connection.

At the instance of Mr. Sultan Ahmed the Military and Railway authorities are to be requested not to hold their usual annual fixtures at times when these would clash with future Indian Olympic Games.

The consideration of the draft of the revised rules of the Association was postponed to February 10.

SCORING OF POINTS.

The "Bombay Chronicle" informed by one Councillor that the present system of allotment of points was unfair. For instance the Athletic Championship only carried with it 10 marks for first place for the entire series. The runner-up is awarded six points.

The Athletic Championship covers 27 events and it seems ridiculous for a team to train and contest in 27 events for 10 points.

The other extreme in Olympic scoring, that creates an apparent unfairness, is that a champion volleyball team get 10 marks for its success and does so without anything like the effort and labour the Athletic Championship entails. A Basket-Ball team or a Kabadi string are equally fortunately placed as the Volleyball champions in getting ten points through little endeavour.

In view of the great importance of Athletics, the deal off training, time and expenditure employed, it appears ludicrous to place on far with Athletics the insignificant games of Volleyball, Basket-Ball and Kabadi. The Athletic Championship should be of higher status and our correspondent discussing this point with prominent sportsmen gathered a consensus of opinion which agreed that the Athletic Championship is definitely a higher thing in the Sports World and the Olympic award should be raised from ten marks to thirty.

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Weight-Lifting

BENGAL PROVE BEST WITH WEIGHTS

Good Poundage Lifted In Heavies

Bengal and Punjab shared honours in the weight-lifting contests down for decision in the Olympic Games on Thursday. In the whole series Bengal did best and collected 24 points, place points put them ahead, otherwise Punjab has registered two wins, as has Bengal. Bombay figured first once in the series. At the close of the Weight-Lifting, Bengal stands first with 24 points Punjab with 12, Bombay with 5 and Bihar has a credit of 3.

RESULTS:

Light-Heavy-Weight: P. G. Willis (Bengal) Aggregate poundage 555, 1; P. G. Thengail (Bengal) poundage 515, 2; Philips (Punjab) poundage 485, 3.

HEAVY-WEIGHT:—Mohamed Naqu (Punjab) Aggregate poundage 720, 1; S. K. Chatterji (Bengal) poundage 610, 2.

BALL MADMINTON TOURNEY

Under the auspices of the South Indian Association a Ball Badminton Doubles Tournament for the Pallan Memorial Challenge Cup will be conducted commencing from February 18, 1940.

Entries for the above will close at 9 p.m. on February 11, 1940.

MORE CONTINGENTS OF ATHLETES ARRIVE

The latest arrivals at Patiala Nagar on Thursday were Mysore, Bihar, Rajputana, Baroda and the United Provinces. All these teams are modest in numbers.

BARODA.

Baroda will be represented by seven men and three women athletes. They also come with a Volleyball team. Their small team for the athletic events is more in Bombay to earn experience than earn laurels.

UNITED PROVINCES.

The U. P. Team consists of 25 men and women athletes and twenty members who go to make their Volleyball and Basketball teams. The team is accompanied by S. Nawab Husain, Honorary General Secretary of the U. P. Olympic Association.

The outstanding athlete in the team is A. Murray who is capable of equalling the All-India record in the 100 Metres Run. Mohmd. Munir, Captain of the U. P. contingent is a hurdler of repute and can cover a good few feet in the Hop-Step and Jump.

The girls in U. P. were not to be left out and this Province has its competitors for the women's section. The Manager of the team is Captain Shahbaz Khan, the well-know Army all-rounder.

MYSORE.

Mysore's contingent is modest. They have, however, two men of mark with them, these are Ashton and Hobli.

Ten point eight is Ashton's timing in the 100 Metres Run, despite a defective style in starting. Mr. Anil Dass would give much to cure Ashton, as then the sprint event would be a gift to Mysore then. Hobli will go in the 800 and 1,500 Metres Runs.

RAJPUTANA.

Our correspondent failed to get in contact with the Rajputana team, but he met Meher Chand Dawan of this contingent. This athlete needs no introduction as he was of India's team at the Tenth Olympic Games at Los Angeles.

To-day's Programme

5 a.m. 50 Kilometres Walk.
7 a.m. Opening Ceremony of Volleyball Tournament.
7-15—9 a.m. Volleyball Tournament.
7-30 a.m. Opening Ceremony of Kabaddi Tournament.
7-45—9 a.m. Kabaddi Tournament.
8 a.m. Opening Ceremony of Basketball Tournament.
8-15—9-15 a.m. Basketball Tournament.
2-30 p.m. Assembly of all Athletes Officials and Volunteers at the North-East Corner of the Brabourne Stadium. President H. H. the Maharaja of Patiala.
2-45 p.m. March Past.
2-55 p.m. President's Proclamation.
3-10 p.m. Lighting of the Torch.
3-15 p.m. Taking of Oath.
3-20 p.m. Reverse Order March Past.
3-30 p.m. First Item Begins.
3-30—6-30 p.m. Athletics.
4-15—6-15 p.m. Basketball Tournament.
4-15—6-15 p.m. Volleyball Tournament.
4-15 to 6-15 p.m. Kabaddi Tournament.
4-30 p.m. Opening Ceremony of Wrestling Tournament.
4-45—6-45 p.m. Wrestling Tournament.
6-30 p.m. Sports Conference, Inaugural Session.
Reception Committee Chairman's Speech.
Presidential Address.
9—10-30 p.m. Dance Recitals.
10—11-30 p.m. Music Recitals.

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES.

6 a.m. 100 Kilometres Cycle Run.
7—8 a.m. Volleyball Tournament.
7-30—9-30 a.m. Kabaddi Tournament.
8-9 a.m. Basketball Tournament.
9—11 a.m. Wrestling Tournament.
2 p.m. Shooting.
2-30—6 p.m. Athletic Events.
4—6-15 p.m. Unfinished Items.
6-15 p.m. Sports Conference General Preliminary Session.
6-45 p.m. Sports Conference. Sessions by Group.
7-30 p.m. Sports Conference. General Session.
9—10-40 p.m. Dance Recitals.
10—10-30 p.m. Music Recitals.

ART OLYMPIAD

The first programme of the Art Olympiad presented interesting items of classical dances and instrumental and vocal music. Miss Suniti Kaushik, the little exponent of the Kathak style, gave three items, which included the "Kite Dance", in which she is always at her best. All her items were remarkable for her free and rhythmic movements. Miss Nalini Jaywant executed "Marwari Dance" in purely traditional style and maintained the grace of her technique in her another item Gopi Nritya. But her last item "Spring Dance" was remarkably executed with the force and fervour of the theme. "Megh Nritya" by Mr. Navin Desai and Leela Kanade was fully expressive and graceful.

A violin solo by Prof. Joshi and an item of vocal music by Mr. Allabux of the All-India Radio were interludes. Lezim-Drill, in its different aspects, and in the traditional form was a novelty.

To-night's programme promises to be very interesting. Messrs. Chiman Sheth and Pravin Kumar with Miss Nalini Jaywant will appear in "Kumudini" and Gramya Nritya "Mayur Nritya" and "Raudra Bhim" are the solos by Messrs. Chiman Sheth and Pravin Kumar. Flute solo by Mr. Niranjan Mazumdar. vocal music by Kumar Gandharv and "Yaksha-Gan" are other attractions.

HOCKEY

Young Sports Display Great Form

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE FIGHT TO THE LAST MINUTE

A feast that all hockey fans appreciated, was served up in the Bombay Presidency Hockey Association fixture on Thursday. If St. Xavier's were not a better side they were a determined team, who fought a good side and lost by just a goal.

Quite a number of critics felt that if St. Xavier's had equalised, they would have fully earned balanced honours. It can not be gainsaid that the Young Sports showed great understanding and their fluency in attack and their understanding behind was perfect.

On the show of play on Thursday Young Sports is certainly not an over-exaggerated side and it may be safely anticipated that this team will be in at the finish of the tournament.

St. Xavier's is a nice side, but it takes a little to get some of their men agitated, then follows lack of cohesion and heaps of erratic hockey. Playing a calm game St. Xavier's would go far. They must cut out the grumbling at players during the game, glaring at referees and a wail of woe when things go against them.

A critic can not individualise in the type of match witnessed on Thursday. There were only two weak spots, these were Rebeiro and Agnel of St. Xavier's.

THE GAME.

A lot of good hockey was packed into the first fifteen minutes. It was St. Xavier's and then Young Sports in turn. Eventually, in the fifteenth minute that a brilliant effort by D'Mello put the Young Sports ahead. Things continued in the same way and both defences were teased in turn but despite a strenuous time held out, allowing Young Sports to cross over with a goal's advantage.

St. Xavier's opened the second-half with a short corner, as infringement in the ring relieved pressure for Young Sports. Abel in St. Xavier's goal, who had been shaping well in goal, added to his reputation with a nice save. A great struggle continued, St. Xavier's putting every ounce into it for the equaliser and Young Sports doing everything to hold the Collegians and perhaps consolidate their position.

After ten minutes St. Xavier's were the aggressors, but time and again things went wrong in their opponent's "D". All their endeavours failed, a number of short corners proved of no avail, and Young Sports went forward in the Championship.

TEAMS:

YOUNG SPORTS:—M. Andrade; F. D'Souza and R. Andrade; A. D'Souza, G. M. Khan and M. Cohen; S. D'Mello, S. V. Tambe, C. Murzello, G. D'Cunha and G. Fernandes.

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE:—Abel; D'Cunha and Ferreira; Saldanha, W. Fernandes and Egbert D'Souza; Rebeiro, Joseph Elias D'Souza, Aston and Agnel.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

B.P.H.A. ground—5-15 p.m.—Customs vs. St. Xavier's College "B".

SECOND DAY OF BOMBAY BIG MEETING

Acceptors And Weights For Additional Race

THE ELEPHANTA PLATE

Distance—1 Mile, 1 Furlong.

Nur Jehan 9-0; Al Muqbil 8-12; Al Hamil 8-12; Khalaf Majnun 8-10; Banash Amer 8-8; Mithqal 8-7; Nada'a al Bari 8-7; Gani 8-3; Jahan Ara 8-6; Gazal 8-5; Her Highness 8-5; Attaf Beg 8-3; Hashim 8-2; Qudum al Khair 8-0; Starlight 8-0; Dalli al Iraq 8-0; Sabhan Hamid 7-13; Saif al Muluk 7-9; Wafi Hamid 7-7.

THE GAYE PLATE

Distance—1 Mile.

Tohalla 9-2; King of Diamonds 8-8; Saif al Nuzer 8-5; Firpo 8-4; Jirnas 8-0; Amin al Iraq 8-0; Great Star 8-0; Bahar Neel 7-12; Wheel of Fortune 7-12; Laftat Allah 7-11; Ghazalan 7-9; White Flower 7-7; Walk Over 7-7; Majid Pasha 7-7; Poppy Day 7-4.

THE BROOME PLATE.

Distance—6 Furlongs.

Kilt 9-4; Canticle 9-2; Terrace 9-1; Ganymede 9-1; Tipperary 8-13; Shipstoll 8-11; Dick Tapper 8-11; Spun Glass 8-10; Apple Jelly 8-7; Sir Robin 8-7; Lord Byron 8-7; Brittas Belle 8-2; Taqdir 8-2; Red Gold 8-1; Impetus 7-7; Marina 7-13; Loveable 7-13; Pompom 7-13; Quite True 7-9; Hassina 7-7.

THE JAMMU CUP

Distance—6 Furlongs.

Advance 9-9; Mahboob 8-11; Limelight 8-0; Pompom 8-10; Peace Treaty 8-10; Rising Sun 8-9; Pride of India 8-9; Miss Lena 8-0.

THE ECLIPSE STAKES OF INDIA.

Distance—1 1/4 Miles.

Baqlava 9-7; Panaster 9-7; One I Love 9-7; Loch Ness 9-7; Steel Helmet 9-0; Pound Foolish 9-0; Dominic 9-7; Phakos 9-4; Gay Talkie 9-4; Royal Romance 9-4; Kingdom 9-1; Giftlaw 9-0; Cave Man 9-0; Maratha Emperor 8-11; Spadassin 8-7.

THE WILLINGDON PLATE.

Distance—1 Mile.

Terror 9-0; Gipsy Jack 8-10; Solmint 8-9; Dancing Comet 8-9; His Lordship 8-7; Flying Orders 8-7; Coeur de Lion 8-6; Certus Divitae 8-6; Earnest 8-4; Cavalier 8-4; Field Marshal 8-2; Passe-passe II 8-0; Ticanto 7-7; Monte Carlo 7-7; Who's Who 7-7.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES

Division I. Distance—1 Mile, 1 Furlong.

Saxicola 9-4; Let Slip 8-8; Monocle 8-13; Dinah's Son 8-11; Blandstar 8-11; Le Duc 8-9; Maroc 8-8; Budapest 8-8; Ravioli 8-8; Vandyke 8-7; Glanely 8-7; Leander 8-7; Cash 8-0; Cash Book 7-11; Pressman 8-4; Tall Story 8-3; Garden Warbler 7-10; Levant 8-3; Kingsbury 8-0; Gaul 8-0; Brelan 7-11; Talk 7-11; Warrior's Call 7-10; Houdini 7-7; Cotys 7-7.

COUNTRY'S FUTURE LEADERS

Appeal To Maharashtra Youth To Make Conference A Success

The role of youth in response to the call of the country, was stressed by speakers of all shades of political opinion at a public meeting held at Shivaji Park Dadar, on Thurday to popularise the All Maharashtra Congress Youth Conference to be held at the same place on Saturday evening. Mr. G. S. Pohekar, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Conference presided. Messrs. S. K. Patil, B. T. Ranadive, Sakrikar. Bhave, and Kelkar addressed the gathering.

The President of the meeting urged the need for unity among the youth of the country at the critical stage they were passing then. He hoped under the presidentship of Sjt. N V. Gadgil, youth would fomulate suitable programme. He appealed to young men to muster strong at the Dadar station on Friday today) at the reception to be given to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who was opening the Conference. Mr. S. K. Patil pointed out that the present day youth were the future leaders of the country. Youth should steer clear of communal waters. Whatever the differences politically all were united in their goal namely achievement of Swaraj. It behoved on the youngmen to get ready for the call of the country.

Mr. B. T. Ranadive congratulated the organisers of the Conference.

Referring to the present stalemate in the country, he said, it was only youth who could forge ahead. The responsibility to take the country with them was on them. Youth were in the vanguard.

Other speakers appealed to the youngmen gathered, to make the Conference a success.

A procession of workers joined the meeting at the outset.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES

Division II. Distance—1 Mile, 1 Furlong.

March Wind 9-4; Veiled Prophet 9-2; What's What 9-0; Goudea 9-0; Dante 7-12; Archmoon 8-12; Maharaja's Choice 8-11; Chanak 8-9; Mythical Monk 8-9; Haut Monde 8-9; Footslogger 8-7; Sea Battle 8-6; Autoland 8-7; Mellanthius 7-13; Guiding Queen 8-6; Sunnymorn 8-4; Mark You 8-3; Coeur Brule 8-0; Smara 8-0; Multyfarnham 7-13; Torch Royal 4-7; Aftalon 7-7; Conway 7-7; Night Alarm 7-7.

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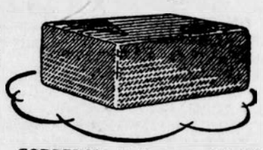

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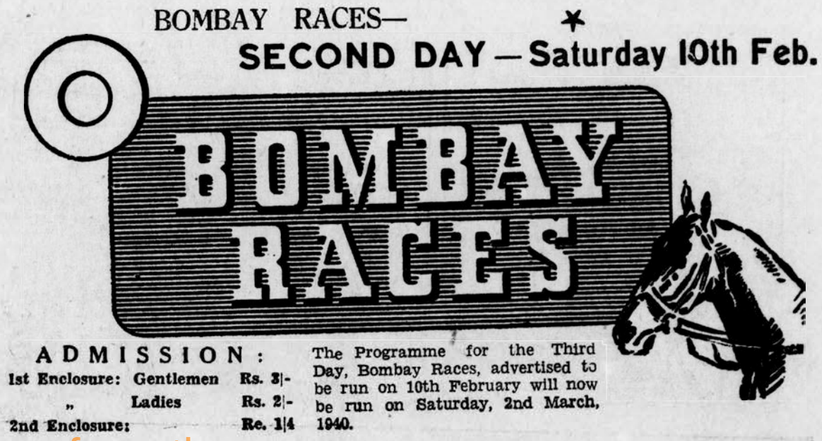

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The Programme for the Third Day, Bombay Races, advertised to be run on 10th February will now be run on Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.

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AHMEDABAD GENERAL STRIKE PROSPECTS

Mill Workers Take Decision: Nanda Goes To Wardha To Seek Gandhiji's Guidance

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 8.

THE MILL KAMDAR UNION HAS DECIDED TO CALL A GENERAL STRIKE OF TEXTILE WORKERS FROM FEBRUARY 12.

THE KAMDAR UNION HAS TAKEN THIS DECISION AFTER TAKING THE PERMISSION OF THE ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS.

THE ABOVE DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED AT A MEETING OF THE MILL WORKERS. IT WILL BE RECALLED THE AHMEDABAD TEXTILE LABOUR ASSOCIATION IS AT PRESENT MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR A GENERAL STRIKE FOLLOWING THE BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MILLOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ON THE QUESTION OF DEARNESS ALLOWANCE.

MR. GULZARILAL NANDA, SECRETARY OF THE TEXTILE LABOUR ASSOCIATION IS NOW IN WARDHA ACQUAINTING MAHATMA GANDHI WITH THE LATEST LABOUR SITUATION IN AHMEDABAD AND SEEKING HIS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE.

GENERAL MOTORS MEN ON STRIKE

Workers Demand 15 P. C. Increase: Meeting And Procession

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Nearly 1,000 workers of the General Motors (India) Factory struck work to-day on the issue of war price allowance and a number of other demands. From early hours of the morning the men grouped themselves in small batches and were seen doing peaceful picketing.

Mr. Yusuf Meherally President of the General Motor Workers' Union, Mr. Asoka Mehta and other office-bearers of the area are visiting the affected areas.

A procession of workmen passed through the locality carrying banners with different slogans inscribed on them, such as "Prices have Increased. Why Not Wage?" "We Want Justice", "Unite For Your Just Demands". The procession ended in a meeting which was addressed by various speakers.

It appears that for the last several months the Union had been negotiating with the management for an increase of 15 per cent in their wages as war allowance, instituting of a Provident Fund, casual leave, etc. It appears that the negotiations did not reach a successful conclusion. The Management agreed to give only 5 per cent increase which did not satisfy the workers. Repeated representations were made to the Management but they expressed their inability to meet the request of the workers. Thereupon the workers decided to go on a strike.

All about Sewri, Fosbery, Reay Road, Cotton Green and surrounding areas peaceful crowds were seen. The workmen appear firm and good humoured. Soon after 8 a.m. lathi police appeared on the scene but nothing untoward is reported.

In the evening a picketers' meeting was held where more workers enrolled themselves as pickers and reiterated their resolve to continue the strike till their demands were conceded.

STAY-IN STRIKES IN RLY. WORKSHOPS

Workers of Matunga and Parel Workshops of the G.I.P. Railway once again left their places of work and marched at 1 p.m. to the offices of their respective Works Managers, shouting slogans for demand of 40 per cent. war allowance on Thursday.

The workers were greatly agitated and wanted a definite reply then and there. They were informed by their Works Managers that they had not received any reply from the C.M.E., and that unless it is received they were not in a position to give them any definite reply. The workers did not consider the reply as satisfactory to their demand which was pending before the authorities for more than a month.

The workers at Matunga, by the intervention of prominent workers, decided to resume their work at 4 p.m. to give another opportunity to the authorities. The workers of Parel, however, continued the demonstration till the closing hours of the shop.

A police party was posted at the gates of the workshop. After 5-30 p.m. they assembled in a meeting at Kamgar Maidan. The meeting was addressed by several leaders.

Loco Shed Men Demand Dearness Allowance

BOMBAY, Thursday.

About 200 men of the Loco Shed G. I. P. Railway appeared before the Foreman this noon for demanding dearness allowance and were told to submit a written application for the purpose. The men dispersed after some further talk with the Foreman and have decided to send a regular application.

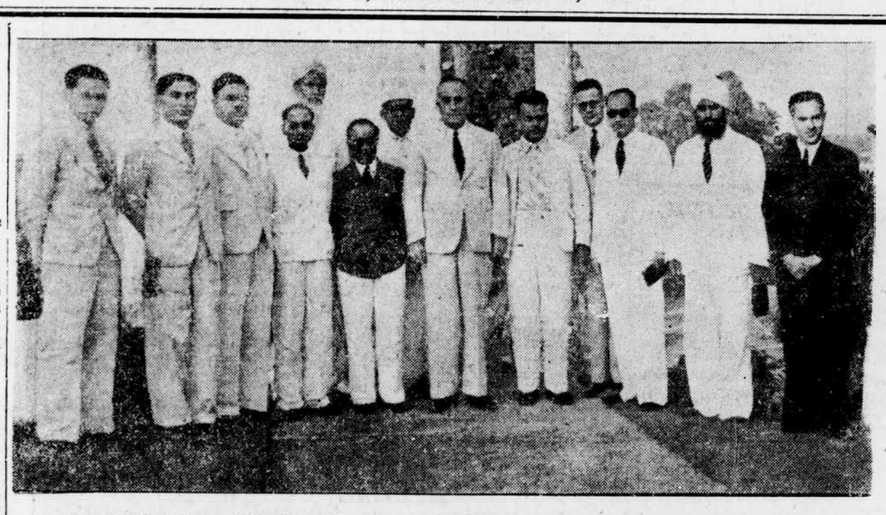
Zandu Pharmaceutical Workers Strike

BOMBAY, Thursday.

All the workers from the Zandu Pharmaceutical Works are on strike since yesterday. The cause of the strike is the refusal of the management to grant the demand of war-allowance.

This morning a meeting of the workers was held under the presidentship of Com. Nimbkar. The meeting has decided not to call off the strike unless the demands of the workers are conceded. The case has gone to the Labour Commissioner.

On the 5th instant Bombay Medical Workers' Union was formed with Com. R. S. Nimbkar as the President and R. K. Kelkar as the General Secretary.



A party of Indian Journalists in Malaya Peninsula with the Governor Sir Shenton Thomas and the Director of Information when they visited the Government House in Singapore.

Standard Oil Co. Men On Strike

(From Our Correspondent)

February 7 was the pay day of the workers of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company.

When the accountant of the Company came to the installation at Sewri, the workers intimated to him that they would not take their pay. Their grievance is that they have not been given any increment for the last several years. All the workers refused to accept payment.

KISAN SABHA'S LITERATURE SUPPRESSED

PATNA, Feb. 8.

The Government of Bihar have forfeited under the Indian Press Emergency Powers Act all copies of the issue of the Urdu weekly newspaper "Afghan" of Bombay dated September 25, 1939 printed and published at Bombay, and all copies of the Hindi, Gujarati book entitled "Inquilab Geet" meaning revolutionary songs printed and published at Ahmedabad.

Government have also forfeited under the Defence of India Rules the issue of a booklet in Bengali entitled "Krishak Andolan" (Peasant Movement) by Dayal Kumar and a leaflet in Bengali entitled "Bardhawan Zilar Krishak Sabha (Burdwan District Krishak Sabha) issued by the Secretary of the Burdwan District Krishak Samiti and printed in Burdwan.

Government have prohibited the publication in future of these documents.

Government further forfeited every copy of the following publications and all other documents containing copies, reprints or translations of or extracts from these publications on the ground that these contain matter the publication of which is punishable under section 124A of the I.P.C.: "Azadi Kixrlaral", a book in Hindi printed in Saharanpur; "Sansar Ki Bhisan Raiva Krantiyan", a book in Hindi printed in Benares and "Nagon Ki Rani" a pamphlet in Hindi printed in Cawnpore.—A. P.

Why Penalise Indian Industry With Retrospective Effect?

Liberals Condemn Excess Profits Tax As Iniquitous And Oppressive, And Urge Withdrawal Of Bill

The Western India National Liberal Association in the course of a memorandum to the Government of India, on Excess Profits Tax Bill Finance Department state:—

The Council of the Western India National Liberal Association appreciate the action of the Government of India in fixing the 6th of March as the date for submission of the report of the Select Committee on the Excess Profits Bill in deference to public opinion that the legislature and the public should have before them the budget for the ensuing year in order to enable to them to judge of the necessity and merits of the Bill. The Council, however, feel that the interval between the presentation of the budget and the 6th of March is too short to enable the public to make representations and for the Select Committee to consider them.

The Council while recognising the principle that business making abnormal profits owing to war conditions should share them with Government have, after a careful examination of the provisions of the Bill, been constrained to come to the conclusion that under present circumstances in this country, the bill as drafted is much too radical in its concept and iniquitous and oppressive the incidence of the proposed tax. The Council also feel that the measure is premature and should have been deferred until the alleged excessive War Profits really make their appearance in the Profit and Loss accounts of the business to be made liable to the tax.

A fundamental objection to the Bill is that, while in the statement of Objects and Reasons the Government profess "to secure for the Government a considerable portion of the additional business profits which accrue as a result of the conditions prevailing during the War", clause 4 of the Bill levies Excess Profits Tax on all profits in excess of Standard profits, irrespective of whether these have accrued as a result of War conditions or otherwise. The operative clause of the Bill makes no allowance for normal expansion of business consequent on growth of population, economic prosperity or increased purchasing power of the people. Thus, while the Government profess to tax profits accruing from War conditions, in case for instance of Insurance Companies, and Banks, they would be sharing profits due to normal expansion of business from year to year. The business of sound Insurance Companies and Banks steadily grows year after year as people get more and more educated and become increasingly insurance-minded and thrifty. The progressively increasing profits by Insurance Companies or Banks can in no sense be attributed to war conditions. Similarly in the case of Indian Motion Picture production industry, by improving technique by experience and studying the public taste and growing cinema-mindedness of the public, the producing companies may make growing profits which cannot be attributed to war conditions. Further the Council observe that a measure obviously intended to secure to the State a share in the alleged abnormal profits of War should have been synchronised to expire with conclusion of hostilities. Of this intention, if any exists on the Government's part, the Bill reveals no trace. Also it is wrong to give the Bill retrospective effect and enact that the accounting period shall be from 1st April, 1939, five months before the outbreak of War.

The Council urge that the measure is premature and should be abandoned for the present and that in any event proper amendments should be adopted to exempt from the tax higher profits made by natural and normal expansion of business and that the levy of 50 p.c. being much too heavy should be substantially reduced so that Indian industry and commerce may not receive an irreparable set-back while they are yet just on the threshold of a revival.

AGA KHAN APPROVES OF SARDAR'S SUGGESTION

COUNTRY'S LEGISLATORS SHOULD MEET TO DRAW UP NEW CONSTITUTION

H. H. the Aga Khan wholeheartedly supported Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's suggestion of calling a conference of elected members of the Central as well as Provincial legislatures to draft a constitution for the country.

In his opinion that was the best solution to solve this knotty problem.

H. H. the Rt. Hon. the Aga Khan arrived from Gwalior by a special train to Bombay on Thursday afternoon. He alighted at Dadar where he was received by Mr. M. I. Rowji, Mr. A. M. Maklai, Sir Sultan Chinoy, Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy and other well-known members of the Ismaili Khoja community. His Highness, alighting at Dadar, immediately proceeded to Hasanabad at Mazagon, where he was given a right royal reception by about 20,000 of his followers.

In an interview to a representative of the "Chronicle" His Highness speaking on the Indian political situation said: "Sardar Patel's excellent suggestion for a meeting of all elected members of the Central and Provincial Councils, opens at last the door of a possible understanding between Hindus and Muslims and also British India and the Indian States and finally with the British Government."

Asked whether His Highness approved of the Congress policy of the boycott of the legislatures the Aga Khan replied: "I cannot judge this, not knowing all the facts."

His Highness declined to express any opinion on the observance of the Deliverance Day by the Muslim League.

To a question whether His Highness proposed to see Mahatma Gandhi and other Congress leaders as well as Muslim leaders His Highness said "I am not a member of the Congress, League or any of the Legislatures. If any responsible body called for my opinion or advise, I shall always be at their service."

His Highness the Aga Khan was then asked whether India was in danger, if war broke out between Soviet Russia and Great Britain. His Highness replied: "Before the enemy reaches India, the enemy will have to cross either Iran or Afghanistan." He had no clear estimate of the efficiency of the air force of Soviet Russia. He did not think there would be expansion of the war for at least a year. He did not think that America would plunge into the war. He did not think war between Soviet Russia and Allies imminent but expressed his fears about the future of Finland.

Leftists Rally Round Mahatma

(From Our Correspondent).

PATNA, Feb. 7

It is reported that Socialists and Kisan Sabhaites and Labourites have decided to rally round the Mahatma's leadership.

It is further reported that the first Leftist group have decided to have no truck with the second group. It is understood the Socialists roll will no longer be open to "Communists." It is gathered, the Socialists will meet at Lucknow when the above question will be finally decided.

Mr. Jaiprakash Narain is leaving to-night for Lucknow to meet Pandit Nehru and Acharya Narendra Deo. This latest move in Leftist circles it is held, is the resultant of the Mahatma's bold stand against the Viceroy's offer. These leftists feel jubilant that Gandhiji has once again vindicated India's trust reposed in him.

14 Crores Of War Orders

Reply To Interpellations In Assembly

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8.

Eight hundred and eighty-eight enemy subjects were interned in Ahmednagar, according to a statement made in the Central Assembly today at the question time.

Seventy-five enemy subjects left India, since the outbreak of war.

Between July 1937 and October 1939, 25 times, the military moved out of barracks at the request of Civil authorities, and 43 times, when they got ready in barracks for coming out if necessary. Most of these disturbances related to communal situation.

This information was furnished by the Defence Secretary replying to Sir Ziauddin Ahmed.

Orders amounting to fourteen crores have been placed through the Department of supply on behalf of the British Government and the sterling received thus was being used for financing the ordinary expenditure of the Government of India in England, stated the Finance Member replying to another question.—United Press.

NO PROCESSIONS WITHOUT LICENCE

Precautionary Measures For Muharram

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 8

An order under Section 30 of the Police Act has been promulgated here by the District Magistrate directing that no procession shall be taken out for a period of three weeks without a licence from the police.

This precautionary measure has been taken by the authorities in connection with the forthcoming Muharram festival. The order will not apply to the customary Muharram processions for which the usual arrangements will be made.

An order under Section 144 Cr. P.C. which was promulgated some time ago forbidding the carrying of 'lathis' has now been extended to cover the period of Muharram.—A.P.

NEW DELHI, February 7.

In the Central Assembly to-day Mr. Lalchand Navalrai's motion that the Bill further to amend the Press and Registration of Books Act of 1867 be circulated for the purpose of eliciting opinion thereon, was negatived without division.—United Press.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

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